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Siblings celebrate state championships

Saturday, March 7, is a day that will always hold a special place in the hearts of the members of Nieuwenhuis family from Plainwell.

Because it was on that day that siblings Madison and Dylan each earned a Michigan High School Athletic Association state championship.

Madison, a senior, won her title in the 105-pound weight class of the MHSAA Girls Wrestling State Finals. That gave her four state crowns in her career, making her just the second girl in the state to accomplish that feat.

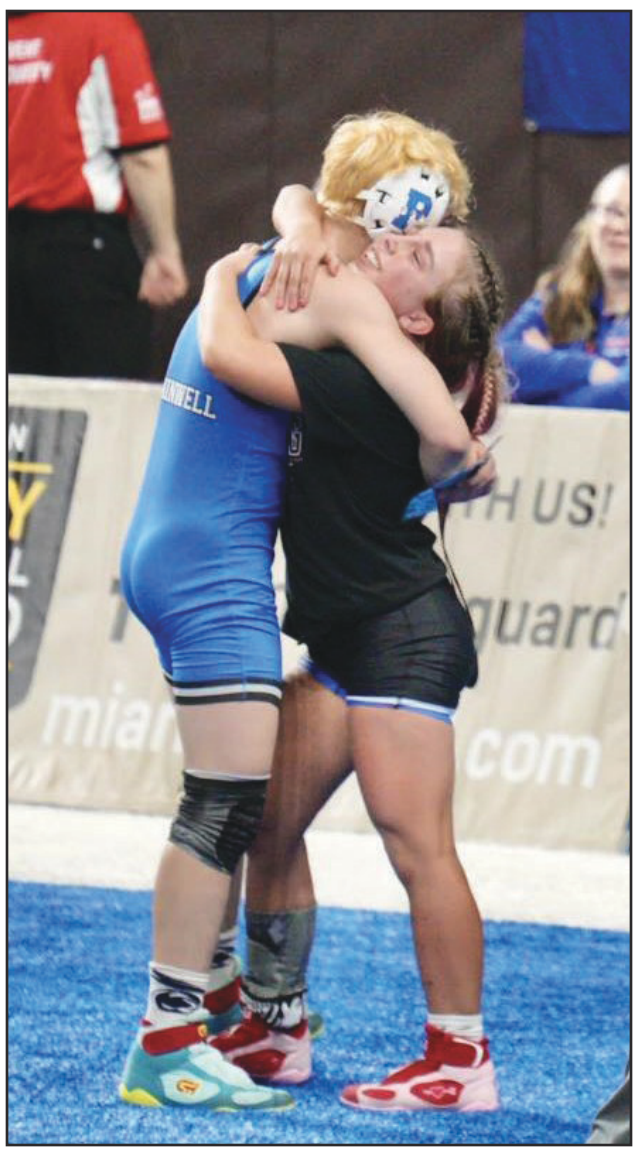
But that was just the start for the Nieuwenhuis clan.

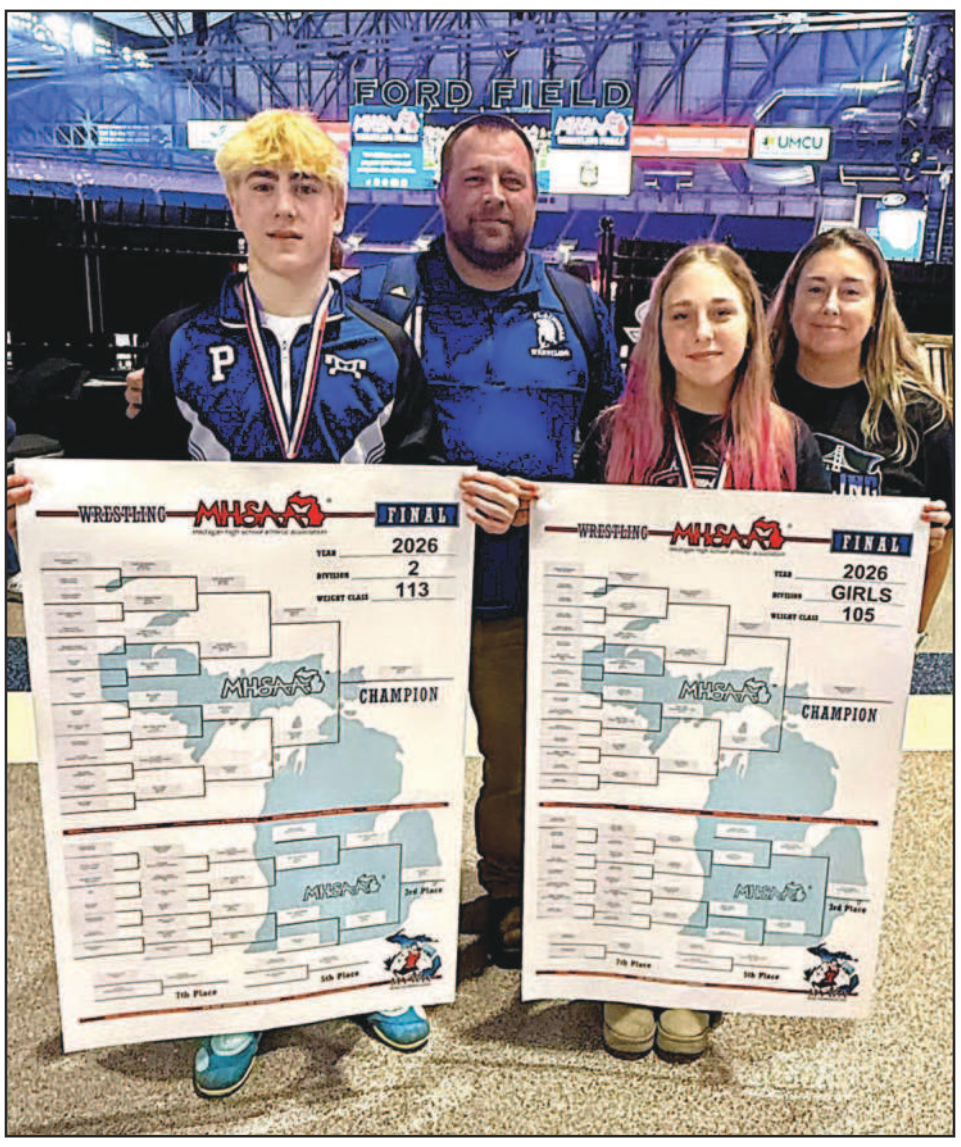
Because minutes later and two mats down at Ford Field, sophomore Dylan emerged as the winner of his title match at 113 pounds in the MHSAA Division 2 State Finals.

The championship was the first for Dylan, who bested teammate and training partner Tyler Cooper by decision in the final match.

Next year, Madison will continue her career at the University of Iowa, while Dylan will hope to add a second state title to his resume.

For full story, see page B1. (Photos provided)





Christian Neighbors hosting Stuff the Bus food drive

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Christian Neighbors is asking the community for help stocking its food pantry to help those in need.

The organization will host its latest Stuff the Bus food drive on Friday, March 20, and Saturday, March 21, at Harding's Market in Plainwell, collecting donations to support families across the area.

Christian Neighbors program director Kim Shafer said the need for food assistance has continued to rise in recent months.

"Christian Neighbors has seen a significant increase in the number of households visiting our food pantry since the fall and have reached unprecedented numbers up from years past," Shafer said. "Food donations are more important than ever for us to sustain this level of service."

Volunteers will greet shoppers at the store entrance and provide a list of items most needed by the pantry. Requested donations include staple items such as peanut butter and jelly, spaghetti noodles and sauce, juice, canned soup and canned meat.

Stuff the Bus events are designed to give shoppers an easy way to help while doing their regular grocery shopping.

"Stuff the Bus is an opportunity for those who are able to give back to help us keep our pantry shelves stocked," Shafer said.

Food donations can also be dropped off at Christian Neighbors at any time during the week using the donation box located outside the front of the building. In addition, the organization maintains an Amazon Wish List with food and supply items needed across its programs.

Christian Neighbors is also seeking volunteers to assist with the food drive. Two-hour shifts are available at the Harding's location on both days of the event.

Volunteer shifts include 4 to 6 p.m. on March 20, as well as 10 a.m. to noon, noon to 2 p.m., and 2 to 4 p.m. on March 21. High school students are encouraged to participate as a way to earn community service hours.

Those interested in volunteering can sign up online.

Christian Neighbors will hold its next Stuff the Bus event at Harding's in Plainwell on Friday, March 20, and Saturday, March 21. The event plays a critical role in helping Christian Neighbors keep its shelves stocked with non-perishable food items that will be used to help community members in need. Seen are images from a Stuff the Bus event last summer. (File photos)

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Several lessons learned from Allegan City water main break

By Gari Voss

The Allegan City Council took some leaps forward to move along the construction of housing on Lowe Street and Downtown. In addition, they gave the green light to Milbocker & Sons, Inc. to begin work on the Rossman Park Neighborhood and Downtown Streets. Zach Kortz, Water Utilities Director, gave a summary of what transpired during the water main break on Marshall Street, plus he informed the Council of lessons learned.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Lowe St. Apartments. The Public Hearing, Second Reading and adoption of Ordinance 536 to rezone Parcel 03-51-251-041-00 from TN-2 Transitional Residential Neighborhood District to PUD Planned Unit Development District led to approval by the Council. This parcel is on Lowe St. will be developed by Woda Cooper of Columbus, Ohio into a 3-story, 52 unit apartment complex for residents who make 30-80% of the medium income. The complex will consist of one and two-bedroom apartments, a fitness center, and the ability to host social programs for residents. This will assist in meeting the need for housing in Allegan.

Downtown Apartments. The Public Hearing and adoption of Resolution 26.08 regarding a Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to create 10 new second floor apartments in Downtown Allegan received approval. Allegan received a letter of intent for $1.18 million from CDBG.

The proposal would include 4 new apartments with 3 for low to moderate income residents at 116 Locust Street, 2 new apartments with 1 for low to moderate income residents at 115 Locust Street, 2 new apartments with 1 for low to moderate income at 138 Hubbard Street, and 2 new apartments with 1 for low to moderate income residents at 145 Brady Street.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Evans, director of Community Action of Allegan County, addressed the need for daily delivered hot meals for homebound seniors in Allegan County. CAAC has treated the seniors as seen, valued and safe for 20 years. Evans shared an FAQ about the home delivery meals to homebound seniors. This has included daily wellness checks. 8% of the Allegan County seniors live in poverty and another 43% are asset limited, income constrained. Evans shared a resolution that she hoped the counsel would consider and would like to come back and present more about the resolution reinstating daily, hot home delivered meals and daily wellness checks for the seniors. Evans felt that this population needed checks each day because of the health, vision and dementia issues of low-income individuals and families to help them attain self-reliance. The Mission of the CAAC has been to serve, advocate, and engage the entire community on the issues of the seniors. Because of the program, the staff has been able to save lives.

Scott Beltman, county commissioner, shared that they had completed the 5-year Parks and Rec Plan for Allegan County. Because of the plan, a grant could be applied for to fix the stairs going down to Westside Park. At that time, it was not known what the cost would be, so the county had an engineer look at the steps. In the beginning, it was thought that a $300,000 - $400,000 grant would be sufficient but found it would be a $700,000 project to make it ADA compliant. Because of the difference in cost, the commission felt that it would not be a good investment for the taxpayers at this time. Second, Beltman addressed the home delivered meals. Two board reviewed the program and decided to switch vendors. The vendor selected would deliver frozen meals. There would still be wellness checks so the seniors would not be forgotten. Maybe the money saved by changing vendors could go toward wellness checks every day because the new vendor would only be in contact with the seniors two or three days a week when meals are delivered.

COMMUNITY REQUEST

K-Zoo Folklife would like to place a banner on the south-facing fence along Monroe Street at Jaycee Park. This would advertise the Arts Festival on March 28, 2026, at the Allegan High School Performing Arts Center. The banner would go up this week and come down after the event. The motion carried to approve the placement of the banner.

REPORTS

City Boards

Airport Advisory Board. The group reviewed the new lights that have been installed and still need to be checked before turning them on. The surveying of the soil under the runway preparing for the plan to a runway rehab. The hanger door rehab will probably not be done this year because of a lack of funds. June 20, 2026, will be the Fly In with a Lions Club Breakfast and Car Show. The new board member keeps his hot air balloon at the airport.

Water Utilities

Digester and Storage Cleaning. The request to approve PO 26-0847 to Waste Recovery Systems in the amount of $260,000 to clean the WRRF digesters and septage storage tanks was approved. This would remove sediment that has built up since 2018. This is a required maintenance to keep the tanks from shutting down. The digesters may be done in house with the proper equipment. The storage tanks must be done by a contractor. The money is available in the budget. The plan is to monitor the digesters and tanks more frequently.

Marshall Street water main break update. The break occurred on February 18, 2026. Since the last council meeting, the team has met to debrief the event. Wed., Feb. 18th, 7:15pm water was reported bubbling into the street. A check was made and between 9:36pm on Wed. and 4am on Thurs., Feb. 19, the staff conducted isolation and investigation.

Thurs., Feb. 19th, 4-8:30am, concrete cutters were contacted, all Water Utilities workers were on duty, and the City Police monitored the area. 8:30am-2:30pm, the Swan neighborhood lost water pressure through Friday, a Boil Water Advisory was put in place on Thurs., and Milbocker & Sons were called to assist and relieve city staff. During that period, road surface removal began and multiple longitudinal breaks, that involved about 50 feet, were discovered, and the decision was made to cut and cap the main. MDOT decided to close Marshall Street. A complication was that the undercut was to the middle of the street. The proper valve was finally located, but another cut of concrete and asphalt was necessary.

Because the main was completely under water, the crew had to cap live and blind. This was unsuccessful so the crew went further toward the bridge where the main was not broken. By 4pm on Friday, the repressurizing was done and the system was flushed. By Sat., water was beginning to be restored with no Water Boil Advisory. MDOT did some paving but will return to complete the job. By Saturday evening, water and traffic were restored.

Lessons learned included having a Silversmith GPS system to locate valves, hydrants, mains, and other system assets. Isolation maps would be created, and personnel training would be done. An emergency plan would be created and implemented. Valves and hydrant maintenance would be updated. The cast iron water mains and lines need replacement in the near future. Zach moved the Council through the GPS system that would be more accurate in locating isolation points and update information.

Administrative Services

Accounts Payable and Payroll. The request to approve accounts payable in the amount of $1,189,416.48 and payroll in the amount of $130,190.38 for a total disbursement of $1,319,606.86 was passed.

Resolution 26.09 to authorize issuance of 2026 Sanitary Sewer System First Lien Revenue Bonds passed. This is part of the funding for Allegan's Rossman Neighborhoods and Downtown infrastructure projects. The city will need to secure a Sanitary Sewer System First Lien Revenue Bond in an amount not to exceed $7,680,000. City Council previously reviewed and approved the issuance of these bonds on October 13, 2025. The proposed bond will have a 20-year repayment term. The city received an updated bond rating of BBB for the water system and BBB+ for the sewer system from Standard & Poor's. The negotiated bond sale should assist in reducing costs.

Resolution 26.10 authorizing issuance of 2026 Water Supply System First Lien Revenue Bonds passed. As part of the funding plan for the City of Allegan's Rossman Neighborhood and Downtown infrastructure projects, the city will need to secure a Water Supply System First Lien Revenue Bond in an amount not to exceed $2,375,000. Again, this will be improved because of the new bond ratings.

PO 26-0848 to Milbocker & Son's Inc in the amount of $2,705,711.14 for the Downtown Utility & Roadway Reconstruction Project and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Agreement were approved. Monday January 26, 2026, the City of Allegan opened bids for the Downtown Utility & Roadway Reconstruction Projects scheduled for construction this spring and summer. These projects include new water mains, new sewer main, new service connections, new roads and new sidewalks, new street furniture and landscaping on Trowbridge Street from Locust Street to Walnut Street and on Walnut and Chestnut Streets from Hubbard Street to Trowbridge Street as well as a new water main on Grand Street from the Kalamazoo River Bridge to North Main Street. Milbocker & Sons, Inc was the only company to bid.

Authorize the City Manager. The City Manager was approved to sign the Approval of the Notice of Award to Milbocker & Sons, Inc. for the Rossman Park Neighborhood Utility & Roadway Reconstruction Project. These projects include new water mains, new sewer mains, new service connections, and new roads. This includes the neighborhoods to the northeast and southwest of M-89.

PO 26-0849 to Milbocker & Son's Inc in the amount of $5,767,132.15 was amended at $6,343,845.37 for the Rossman Park Neighborhood Utility & Roadway Reconstruction Project and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Agreement was approved to include the 10% contingency funds. These projects include new water mains, new sewer mains, new service connections, and new roads. This includes the neighborhoods to the northeast and southwest of M-89.

Intent to Enter a Development Agreement with ND Community Partners, LLC for city-owned parcel 51-280-018-00 at North Street and N. Main Street was approved. This begins the process to construct a small-footprint home development and garage in this triangle.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

The Art of Allegan will be on Saturday, March 14, 2026, with lots workshops, art, and a special film. The proceeds will assist in renovating the Griswold Auditorium.

A Preconstruction Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18th from 6-8pm regarding the Downtown Improvement process.

Allegan Community Players will host *Heroes and Scoundrels* at the Griswold on March 19-March 22, 2026.

The iron bridge was closed for a short time on Monday because of the Allegan High School musical *Working* was shooting some footage that will be incorporated into their musical on March 20 & 21, 2026, that features the workers of Allegan.

ROUNDTABLE

Everyone gave thanks to the Water Department crew for all their work.

Councilmember Clark shared that he is in the cast of *Heroes and Scoundrels* and hopes all will come and enjoy.

Will Walker & Melanie Hooker invite all to come from 7:30-9am to Mugshots on March 20th for a conversation with the City Council. Mayor Perrigo will join them, so residents have an opportunity to share ideas and concerns.

Art of Allegan has prints of Starry Nights Allegan to go toward the renovation of the Griswold Fundraiser.

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Microsoft addresses data center concerns at open house

By Joseph Schultz

For the first time since communities across West Michigan started rallying against planned Data Centers, Microsoft held an informational open house Tuesday afternoon for a proposed data center in Gaines Township. Microsoft Spokespeople, who declined to be identified, were on-hand to answer questions from the community. Consumers Energy representatives were also on-site to address residents' concerns regarding electricity.

When asked for an update on their intentions to build a data center in Dorr, the anonymous Microsoft spokesperson cited the 12-month moratorium as the reason for the company is waiting to see what codes may be required. The spokesperson stated that once the moratorium is lifted, Microsoft will present a plan that will be in compliance with the township's codes.

The design for the Gaines Township facility was typical for Microsoft data centers. It includes a setback of 200 to 300 feet and earthen berms with vegetation to minimize visual and noise impacts. The anonymous Microsoft spokesperson noted that the only likely variations in the design would involce the type of back-up generators used, and the specific means of noise reduction.

Water Usage

Microsoft revealed that the data center would be cooled with a closed-loop system, which operates similarly to a car's engine cooling system. Water is circulated to the computer chips to carry heat away to the cooling towers before being recirculated.

While the anonymous Microsoft spokesperson did not know how much water would be needed to fill the system or normal operations, they stated it would be minimal given the closed nature of the system. When asked about maintenance, the spokesperson said that any water drained would be collected and taken off-site to be processed.

Power Usage

The daily electrical power needs for the data center were unknown to the anonymous Microsoft spokesperson, deferring those questions to Consumers Energy.

Representatives from Consumer Energy said that the Michigan Public Service Commission (PSC) recently approved "large-load tariffs" for data centers. The tariffs are designed to pay for the transmission, generation, and distribution costs for providing the necessary electricity.

Both Microsoft and Consumers Energy stressed that residential customers see an increase in their rates due to the data center's power needs. For back-up power, Microsoft stated that on-site diesel generators would likely be used in the event of an outage.

Jobs, Taxes, and Community

Microsoft also touted the job creation associated with the project. Construction jobs are expected to be substantial given the project's scale.

Once operational, each building will employ approximately 50 full-time employees and vendors. Roles include directors, managers, trainers, security, inventory technicians, and mechanical, electrical, and IT engineers.

There would be no local tax breaks for Microsoft. Instead, the increase in the tax base was sited as a primary benefit, with the additional revenue enabling the township to provide more services to the community.

Microsoft hopes to begin construction in one year, though the facility likely won't be operational for three years.

As one poster at the event noted: "It's a marathon, not a sprint."

Editor's Note: This story is courtesy of Town-Broadcast

Heroes and Scoundrels take the stage at Griswold Auditorium

By Gari Voss & Spike Kunetz

Actors from Allegan Community Players rehearse a scene from their upcoming production, Heroes and Scoundrels, that grace the stage at the Griswold Auditorium in Allegan on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 19, 20, and 21 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 22 at 2:00 p.m. Pictured: Michael Troub, Vanessa Berry, and David Clement-Horton. Photo: ACP staff

The Allegan Community Players (ACP) kick off their 2026 season with an original play, *Heroes and Scoundrels*. Written by a veteran playwright from Chicago's The Second City, *Heroes and Scoundrels* is a collection of seven short plays that satirize conventional notions of heroism and villainy. Intelligent and witty, each vignette explores the way the labels "hero" and "scoundrel" are assigned and manipulated.

The play was written by ACP member Spike Kunetz, who embraces the director duties.

Kunetz explained how he came about writing *Heroes and Scoundrels*.

"The play started off as a single short play, where there was a clear villain and a clear hero," began Kunetz. "But as I developed the piece, I began to recognize that these lines are not so clearly defined in real life. Things get messy when you take into account that humans are contradictory creatures: good people do bad things and bad people do good things. So, I wrote companion pieces to examine the different ways heroes and scoundrels get labeled—or mis-labeled."

Kunetz is no rookie in the theater. He spent 30 years in the theater world in Chicago as a stage actor, improviser, director, and playwright. He taught comedy writing and improvisation at the famed Second City Training Center for 20 years. His students have gone on to appear as actors, writers and producers on stage, film, and television.

His previous ACP play, *The Bird Day Party*, kicked off ACP's 2025 season and was a huge hit, selling out every show.

The actors in *Heroes and Scoundrels* include Matilda Allen, Vanessa Berry, Kassidy Bright, Lane Bright, Charles Clark II, David Clement-Horton, Matt Decker, Whitney Ehresman, Mason Haas, Lindsay Kruse, Amy Landsberg, Isabelle McGowan, Lacey Morton, Xavier Paris, Chloe Schans, Izaak Schans, Michael Troub, and Wyatt Tussey.

Several of the actors are ACP veterans. Whitney Ehresman, who plays Gianna, an elegant dancer, is appearing in her seventh production with ACP.

"In a little more than two years with ACP, I have had the chance to act, direct, write, build props, learn stage combat, and even step outside my comfort zone with a musical," shared Ehresman. "Being part of the Community Players has been incredibly positive for my mental health. It's given me a sense of belonging, creativity, and connection. I feel like I'm part of a team. Being able to share that experience with my kids has made it even more meaningful."

Heroes and Scoundrels features four shows only at the Griswold Auditorium on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 19, 20, and 21 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 22 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are $15 in advance, $20 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at allegancommunityplayers.org. The play contains adult language and themes.

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EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

Sun. – Sat. 5-9pm: Warming Station when temp below 32 degrees - Community Action of Allegan County, 323 Water St. Allegan. Come for a warm spot and a simple meal.

By March 5, 2026, 7pm. Tickets for An Evening of Extraordinary Outcomes. https://alleganfoundation.org/community-calendar/ or at the door on March 6th.

Sat., Mar. 7, 2026, 7pm: Timeless at Sherwood's Cove. Sherwood's Cove 132 Brady St. Allegan

Mon., Mar. 9, 2026, 6pm: Why Are All These Irish Songs in English? Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan

Tues., Mar. 10, 2026, 9am: Coffee for Vets. Immanuel Lutheran Church 631 Grand St. Allegan

Sat., Mar. 14, 2026, 9am-6pm: The Art of Allegan. The Griswold and other places in Allegan to raise fund for improving the Griswold Auditorium.

Apply Now, due April 1, 2026: Allegan County Fair Agricultural Society Scholarship Fund applications are available for applicants who have participated in exhibiting at the Allegan County Fair for three out of four of their high school years. https://allegancountyfair.com/fair_bite/2026-scholarship-application/

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., Mar 4, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan

6pm: Bilingual Storytime – Ages 0-7 and their families can enjoy books in English & Spanish

6pm: Pintesting: Herbarium Bottles – Register at 269 673-4625 to craft & chat while making Herbarium Bottles.

Wed., Mar. 4, 2026, 6-8pm: Hummingbird Feeder
Brave Art Studios & Gallery 1873 Lincoln Rd, Allegan
Create a hummingbird feeder and think spring. Register at brave.art.carr@gmail.com.

Thurs., Mar. 5, 2026, 10:30am: Preschool Storytime
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Ages 2-5 can drop in to enjoy stories and activities.

Thurs., Mar. 5, 2026, 7pm: An Evening of Extraordinary Outcomes
Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan
Join ACCF as they introduce the public to the Ice Cream Man and Anne Frank, Through the efforts of the University of South Carolina's Anne Frank Center, the Allegan Area ESA, the Allegan County Community Foundation, and trained docents, the public can meet extraordinary people and participate in wonderful conversations.

Fri., Mar. 6, 2026, 6pm: Teen Tech Night
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Teens grades 6-12 can register at 269 673-4625 and experience virtual reality, explore 3-D printing and play video games after hours.

Sat., Mar. 7, 2026, 6-9pm: Mardi Gras Fundraiser
Fenn Valley Winery 6130 122nd Ave. Fennville
The Fennville, Pullman Lakeshore Rotary will host a fun evening with drinks and dinner for $75. For info, contact Kim 616 240-0709; https://tinyurl.com/fplmg26

Sat., Mar. 7, 2026, 7pm: Timeless at Sherwood's Cove
Sherwood's Cove 132 Brady St. Allegan
Enjoy a night of acoustic covers from the 1960s on by Timeless.

Sun., Mar. 8, 2026, 9am-12:30pm: Pancake Breakfast
St. Mary's Visitation Community Center 2455 146th Ave. Byron Center
North Allegan County Right to Life will be serving a variety of pancakes, sausage links, ham, omelets, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, and fruit. Adults 12 & up-$10.00, Children 5-11- $5.00, 4 & under free. For information contact Anita Lenhart- (616) 681-9379, neetsi505@aol.com, alleganrighttolife.com

Mon., Mar. 9, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan

10am: Splash, Splash Stories @AAC – Ages 0-7 can call 269 673-7002 X5504 to register then grab your bathing suit and swim your way into a good story at the Allegan Aquatic Center! Enjoy a time of silly tales and songs. Afterwards, splash with your family and friends in the pool!

6pm: Why Are All These Irish Songs in English? – Register at 269 673-4625 to explore how traditional music flows freely between people.

Tues., Mar. 10, 2026, 9am: Coffee for Vets
Immanuel Lutheran Church 631 Grand St. Allegan
ALL veterans who have served or are currently serving in our military forces are welcome to coffee. This is a time to gather, have fellowship with other vets, share conversation, and enjoy coffee and donuts/rolls. Please come and see what this is all about and share this with others you feel might like to come. Questions? Please, call (269)673-3335.

Tues., Mar. 10, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan

10:30am: Lapsit Storytime – 0-2 year olds can enjoy stories and activities.

6:30pm: Book Club – Drop in on a discussion of *Kaikeyi* by Valshnavi Patel.

Wed., Mar. 11, 2026: Recess for Adults
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Drop in and have fun with adults from the Arc of Allegan.

Thurs., Mar. 12, 2026: Library Fun

10:30am: Preschool Storytime – Ages 3-5 can drop in and enjoy stories and activities.

3:30pm: Teen Art Hangout – Grades 6-12 can drop in to make an animal collage.

Fri., Mar. 13, 2026, 10am: St. Patrick's Party
8pm: Scrapyard Live
Allegan Eagles 110 Chestnut St. Allegan
The public is welcome to enjoy traditional Reuben sandwiches all day until gone.

Sat., Mar. 14, 2026, Snazzy Shamrock Chalk Pastel Art
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
All ages can drop in to make a unique shamrock with colorful chalk pastels!

Sat., Mar. 14, 2026, 9am-7pm: The Art of Allegan Griswold Benefit
Griswold Auditorium Hubbard St. Allegan
This fundraiser for the Griswold Auditorium with offers The Arts, Classes, Food, Behind the Scene Tour of the Griswold, and a special showing of *Vincent*. More info at https://www.thegriswoldallegan.com/the-art-of-allegan.

Sat., Mar. 14, 2026, noon-4pm: 1st Annual PI(E) Day Bake Off
Crane's Pie Pantry 6054 124th Ave. Fennville
Enjoy the PI(E) Day celebration by taste testing 12 pies from local bakers, Help crown the champion.

Sat., Mar. 14, 2026, 5-8pm: Veterans Spring Dinner
Lake Doster Golf Club 116 Country Club Lane Plainwell
VFW Post 9377 invite all service members, veterans and their guests to enjoy dinner and guest speaker Dustin Curtis. Purchase tickets by March 5th. Check alleganfoundation.org/community-calendar for the QR code.

Mon., Mar. 16, 2026, 10am: Basketball Bracket Pickup Begins
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
March Madness begins so try and beat staff and other library users at predicting winners of the NCAA tournament. Bracket predictions must be returned to the library by Mar. 18th at closing.

Mon., Mar. 16, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan

11am: Who eats whom? – 1st-5th graders can drop in to learn how the food chain works with the Kalamazoo Nature Center.

2pm: Drop in Lego Club – Ages 5-12 can drop in the play and create with Legos.

6pm: Craftastic: Shamrock Brooches – Register at 269 673-4625 to make a Shamrock Brooch for St. Patrick's Day.

Tues., Mar. 17, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan

10:30am: Lapsit Storytime – 0-2 year olds can drop in to enjoy stories and activities.

3:30pm: Discover 4-H – Ages 5-12 can drop in to do activities that feature different countries.

Tues., Mar. 17, 2026, noon-1pm: MACC Leadership Roundtable
Allegan County Community Foundation Locust St. Allegan
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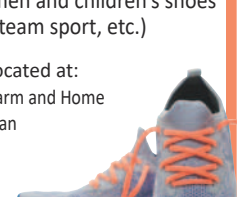

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High speed chase ends in Plainwell man's arrest

By Paul Garrod
Staff Writer

ANTWERP TOWNSHIP - A 58-year-old Plainwell man arrested March 4, following a high-speed chase in Antwerp Township, faces several charges, according to a press release from the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office.

Van Buren County Sheriff Daniel Abbott reported that a Van Buren County Sheriff's deputy attempted to perform a traffic stop on a vehicle for a motor vehicle code violation. The vehicle fled westbound on Red Arrow Highway at speeds around 80 mph. The vehicle turned north onto County Road 652 before turning into a subdivision. The vehicle dropped speeds and continued through the subdivision at speeds under 10 mph before returning to County Road 652 and coming to a stop.

Sheriff Abbott said the driver was apprehended without further incident. A search of the driver and vehicle led to the seizure of a large amount of methamphetamine, as well as packaging materials and scales. The driver was subsequently transported to the Van Buren County Jail on charges of fleeing and eluding, possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine, driving while license suspended and no insurance on a motor vehicle.

Gobles, Plainwell men arrested, faces charges of possession of counterfeit bills

GOBLES - An 18-year-old Gobles man was recently arrested after Michigan State Police reported that he used counterfeit money during a Facebook marketplace transaction in Van Buren County, according to a press release from the Michigan State Police Paw Paw post.

Troopers from the Paw Paw post responded to a forgery complaint after two suspects allegedly used fake currency to buy a designer belt during a meet-up in the 1900 block of 32nd Street in Pine Grove Township.

Police said the investigation led troopers to a nearby residence, where the suspects were located and taken into custody Authorities said they seized approximately $36,000 in counterfeit $100 bills.

The 18-year-old was transported to the Van Buren County Jail. He faces charges of possession of counterfeit bills and uttering and publishing. A 20-year-old Plainwell man was also arrested and transported to the Kalamazoo County Jail on an unrelated outstanding warrant.

According to the State Police, the threat of counterfeit currency continues to evolve as technology advances. They remind the public not to attempt to pass suspected counterfeit bills and report them immediately to local law enforcement or the United States Secret Service.

Microsoft terminates agreements with Dorr Township

By David Young

Technology giant Microsoft has announced that has terminated non-disclosure agreements with four west Michigan communities, including Dorr Township, where it is pursuing data center development.

The move releases municipal officials from their promise not to disclose details about Microsoft's plans.

Dorr Township Supervisor Jeff Miling has been accused of and criticized for entering into the such a non-disclosure agreement.

Dorr Township late last month agreed to implement a 12-month moratorium on Microsoft's plans to establish a data center on two parcels within the township.

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A tornado for the ages- so many pitch in to help

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX

■ PUBLISHER ■

When the tornado tore through Three Rivers, Michigan on the afternoon of March 6, it left behind a landscape that residents will remember for years. In a matter of minutes, powerful winds—later rated an EF-2 tornado with speeds near 130 miles per hour—ripped through parts of the city, damaging homes and tearing apart businesses along the busy M-60 corridor.

One of the hardest-hit areas was near M-60 and West Broadway Street, where commercial buildings suffered heavy damage. Sections of roofs were peeled away, storefronts were shattered, and vehicles were tossed or buried beneath debris.

Two images stick in my mind. First the Three Rivers Menards. That huge building is essentially destroyed. The tornado whipped through that area when customers were still shopping. Thankfully no one was hurt. Secondly the drone image of Union City. The drone shows an entire block leveled by the tornado. Every house, every business was left destroyed.

The server for all twelve of our newspapers is located in Three Rivers. As of Monday night, we have no internet. It's amazing how dependent we have become on the interned. Twenty years ago we performed our tasks differently. It took many more hours but probably gave us a greater since of accomplishment. As of this writing I'm not sure what we will do to get our weekly newspapers in your hands, but we will figure it out.

For many residents, the shock of the moment is still hard to describe.

"I heard the roar and it sounded like a freight train," one resident told local reporters while surveying the debris. "When we came outside, the whole block looked different."

Another homeowner described the sudden chaos of the storm. "It happened so fast. One minute it was raining, the next minute trees were down and parts of buildings were everywhere."

The tornado that struck Three Rivers was part of a larger outbreak that swept across southwest Michigan, killing several people in nearby communities and injuring more than a dozen. Officials say the storm system moved rapidly across the region, producing multiple tornadoes in a short period of time.

But while the destruction was immediate and dramatic, what happened afterward revealed something equally powerful: the strength of a small community.

Within hours of the storm passing, residents began helping one another.

Neighbors checked on elderly residents. Pickup trucks pulled into damaged neighborhoods loaded with chainsaws, ladders, and tarps. Volunteers who had never met before spent the next day clearing fallen trees and hauling debris to the curb.

"You see the best in people after something like this," said one volunteer helping clear a yard. "Everyone just shows up."

Local churches and community groups quickly began organizing assistance for families affected by the storm. Some opened their doors to residents who had lost power or suffered damage to their homes. Others began collecting food, clothing, and supplies.

Emergency crews also worked around the clock to secure damaged buildings, clear roads, and restore utilities. Power outages stretched across parts of the region as utility crews worked to repair downed lines and damaged infrastructure.

Even businesses that were damaged joined the recovery effort.

Employees helped clean up debris in nearby neighborhoods before even beginning work on their own buildings. Restaurant owners prepared meals for first responders and volunteers working long hours in the wreckage.

Moments like these remind us what community truly means.

Disasters strip away the routines of everyday life and expose how fragile our surroundings can be. But they also reveal something far more enduring: the instinct people have to help one another.

In the coming weeks, insurance claims will be filed, repairs will begin, and construction crews will slowly rebuild what was lost. The physical scars left by the tornado will take time to heal.

The winds may have torn through the town.

But they could not tear apart the community. I believe that to be true with any of our communities. When times get tough, we all step to help any way we can.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

I love laughter within boundaries of good taste. We laugh when we see a pompous, self-important individual slipping on the sidewalk; it is not funny when it happens to one of The Olds or someone who is disabled. Rule #1: Learn what is appropriate, or someone will teach you some manners.

Political humor is another matter. Most politicians have strong egos, sometimes too strong. American vaudeville comedian and commentator almost a century ago noted political humor is essential for a democracy.

Dictators tend to have no sense of humor. "Tell a joke about Stalin and you get a one-way railroad ticket to Siberia." Keeping our wits and perspectives matters now when our democracy seems a bit fragile.

Some politicians just seem to set themselves up for jabs of humor. Recently, Kristi "Ice Barbie" Noem not only put her foot in her mouth, but chomped down as if she were grazing on the ears of a chocolate Easter bunny and swallowed.

That was day she ranted about church basement kitchen ladies in Minneapolis who were making sandwiches and snacks for the protestors against ICE agents. Others packed ditty bags to help clean the pepper spray out of their eyes.

Noem said she thought the women were dangerous, probably funded and organized by ANTIFA, and therefore domestic terrorists.

Now, she really should have known better. She is from North Dakota, which is just up the road from the Twin Cities, and the state is filled with small, often rural churches where basement kitchen ladies practically run not only their parish, but everything else in town. They are not elected to office, but that doesn't stop them.

ln the upper Midwest, if there is a death in the community, let's say someone who is a member of the of The Church of What's Happening Now, Pass the Collection Plate and Amen and Hallelujah falls off their perch, the church basement kitchen ladies from other denominations will be quick to offer their services.

Even if they are not needed in the kitchen and dining hall, they will offer to help with the smorgasbord at the reception. "Can we bring cookies? Do you need ham bun sandwiches? Would you like us to bring tuna fish and noodle hotdish?" If the church doesn't need a hotdish, they are put on the doorstep of the family suffering a loss.

That's just what they do. They help one another, and especially anyone in need. If it isn't food, it might be gently-used clothing or furniture for a neighbor who had a house fire, in late summer backpacks for school children, and so on.

They and their families attend all the Swiss steak and lutefisk dinners in the area. Denominational differences are forgotten when the Knights of Columbus hold their Lenten fish fries. If the food is good and there is plenty of it, that's it. They go, have a good time and community friendships are strengthened.

Politics and denominational membership are never the litmus test to doing the right thing.

Back home, the ethos is "Minnesota Nice, and if you don't want to be nice, we'll be sad you leave, but we'll help you pack."

When Ice Barbie said these women were probably funded and organized by Antifa or some other domestic terrorist groups, she gave late night comics and local humorists plenty of fodder for well-deserved laughter.

"Minnesota Nice" is not limited to the state that promotes its 10,000 lakes as the motto on license plates. It is part of our national culture and ethos.

It is who we are, dating back to the 1790s with the Second Great Awakening. People saw needs and responded across political, religious and philosophical lines. They were humanists first and foremost, and we still are.

Our ethos surprised Europeans when they came here in the 1800s. They saw the schools, churches, hospitals and libraries and were astonished that much of it was done without government permission or public money. Why did we do it that way? Because it needed to be done.

Look around southwest Michigan at all the non-government groups that enhance the life of our residents. Even some of the organizations that receive public funding often have groups known as "Friends of …"

Traditionally, much of the funding for these projects has been raised by women. They organized the bake sales, bazaars and church dinners. Organized and did much of the work as well.

Before they even got started on the project, many of them put in a full day at home — taking care of children and grandparents, doing the shopping, cooking and often washing, seeing children off to school and more.

And when they finished their work on the project and hung up their church apron, they went right back home to continue caring for others. Meals, helping the ids with their homework and other tasks.

Trust me, church basement kitchen ladies do not need outsiders to tell them how to get organized. They don't need a union steward to supervise them. Some of them have been doing it all their lives.

At my home parish in the depths of the Great Depression, the church ladies raised money by making and selling fruitcake. One of them, Claire, started sifting flour when she was five years old and had to stand on a stool to reach the counter.

The women worked on this project for 75 years before hanging up their aprons for the last time. And guess what? Claire was still sifting flour, but this time sitting in her wheelchair. She wasn't the oldest woman in the kitchen, either.

So, Ms. Noem, if you are reading this, and know what is good for your health, I suggest you sit down, stay out of the way and keep quiet. Watch and learn.

Just remember, the church basement kitchen ladies know which drawer contains the rolling pins, and they know how to use them.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Senior concerns

Dear Editor and Community Members,

Nineteen percent of all residents in Allegan County are seniors over the age of sixty, this is approximately 16,350 senior households in Allegan County. Of those senior households 8% are living in poverty an additional 43% are living Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed … unable to meet monthly expenses. Rising utility bills, health care costs, and groceries are all deep concerns for our seniors.

For 20 years, Community Action of Allegan County (CAAC) has been a proud partner with Allegan County in providing a daily hot home-delivered meal and daily in-person wellness check to homebound seniors living in our community. CAAC operates a model of wrap-around services characterized by interagency referrals that are individualized and family centered to provide comprehensive support to seniors facing complex challenges of poverty, health, and wellness.

In FY24-25 alone, through our partnership with Allegan County Senior and Veterans Services, CAAC opened the door to an additional $2M in federal and state funding to support seven services for homebound seniors. These services included income-based crisis utility assistance, home Weatherization, plumbing assistance, minor home repair, well and septic system support, USDA supported Emergency Food Assistance Program, the Community Supplemental Food Program, and access to adult hygiene products and undergarments. By spending just a few extra minutes with seniors, home delivered meal drivers shared updates on program information and took time to "NOTICE" when additional services provided by our agency, or other referrals might be needed. In FY24-25 CAAC served 521 homebound seniors and 293 of them received more than one service from our agency.

For an estimated 85% of the seniors served by CAAC's Senior Home Delivered Meal Program, the staff delivering their meal is the only person they will see all week. The BOC's choice to dissolve CAAC's Home Delivered Meal program was not just a budget decision, it was a sentence of solitary confinement for our most vulnerable neighbors. Imagine being eighty-five, frail, unable to cook, and watching your door, knowing no one is coming. We are not just talking about food; we are talking about a daily safety check that prevented and alerted loved ones to injury and, frankly, prevented our elderly from dying.

The integration of CAAC's wrap-around services for homebound seniors was the definition of efficiency and effectiveness, leveraging federal and state funds to properly support our seniors ... particularly those living on fixed incomes, with limited assets and limited local social networks. CAAC's delivery of a daily hot or cold meal choice, was so much more than nutrition … it was a 'lifeline' to helping seniors maintain their overall health and safety, allowing our seniors to stay in their homes longer instead of being forced into nursing or assisted living care, which is more expensive than the daily delivery of a hot meal. CAAC services filled a gap for those who did not qualify for in-home supports. And, most importantly the daily knock on the door said, "You matter." It was the comfort of knowing someone cared enough to show up.

By contracting Meals on Wheels of Western Michigan, an out-county provider, to deliver frozen meals up to three times a week, that message of daily care is gone and the ease of efficiency in referral for additional health and safety support that helped our homebound seniors maintain their independence will be lost.

Since 1965 CAAC has held true to and sustained its mission of quality service and advocacy for low-income and asset limited individuals in our community. Our mission remains rooted in addressing Social Determinants of Health and Poverty by providing wrap-around services and "no wrong door" to programs that address food insecurity, housing stability, financial stress, access to health care, preventative care, access to clean water and sanitation, mitigating exposure to environmental hazards and unsafe conditions, addressing social support and isolation, and providing transportation.

The Allegan County Board of Commissioners approved the decision to abandon the daily hot home delivered meal and wellness check model. CAAC's contract for services will end March 31st, however the CAAC Board of Directors and staff will continue to advocate for senior choice in receiving daily delivery of hot meals and wellness checks that open the door to critical services and human connection.

Respectfully,
Mike VanDenBerg
Lisa Evans
Chairman
Executive Director
Community Action of
Allegan County Community
Action of Allegan County

Book Review: Dandelion is Dead

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

"Dandelion is Dead: A Novel About Life"

by Rosie Storey

$30.00 • 354 pages

There's a great big hole in your life, and it's the same size as the person you lost.

Oh, how you miss hearing their familiar voice. Thinking about their little peculiarities makes you sad. You'd willingly be irritated all over again by the things they used to do that bugged you once. As in the new novel, **"Dandelion is Dead" by Rosie Storey,** you'd have them back again in a hot minute.

As Poppy arranged the flowers in a vase in Dandelion's kitchen, she talked to her sister about this and that. But Dandelion wasn't listening. She'd died a few months before, and Poppy just couldn't let go of the apartment.

When she was there, she rifled through Dandelion's LPs, slept in her bed and mixed drinks with her glassware, pretending like Dandelion was in the next room. She wore Dandelion's clothes and used Dandelion's phone – which is how she met Jake.

Dandelion was a big presence, so it was no surprise to Poppy that she'd been on the dating app, Hinge. Scrolling through her sister's phone, Poppy noticed a year-old message that Dandelion had obviously ignored, and she impulsively replied.

She wasn't sure why. Poppy already had a boyfriend.

Still, for a minute, pretending to *be* Dandelion was comforting – until Jake messaged back.

Meeting women online wasn't great but that was Jake's only option for now.

Ever since his divorce, which was entirely his fault, he'd had a series of awkward text-sessions, clumsy conversations, and disastrous dates with all the wrong women. When someone as pretty as Dandelion messaged him back, well, maybe his luck was turning around.

Their first coffee-date went exceptionally well. She was sassy and funny and he genuinely liked Dandelion. He saw the future, and it was good.

Poppy meant to tell Jake the truth, that she wasn't Dandelion, that Dandelion was dead, but she couldn't. Pretending made her miss Dandelion less. It was harmless fun, wasn't it? – until he found out, he was angry, and it felt like her sister had died again...

So is that the crux of this novel?

Nope. There's a lot of Jake-and-Poppy left to "Dandelion is Dead," and you're going to want every delicious part of it.

The interesting thing about it is, though, that in a novel with limited characters, the main one is not even there.

Eventually, you'll find out why but in the meantime, author Rosie Storey takes readers along on this sarcastic, funny, awkward romantic tale that – fair warning! - includes a surprisingly high bit of spice in it. Reading it can be cringey sometimes – it can be momentarily slow and somewhat overly introspective here and there, but that squirminess perfectly conveys the realities of grief and of dating today. It becomes part of the allure.

For anyone who's ever pretended to be someone else, who's grieving, or looking for love and failing badly, you'll fall hard for this book. "Dandelion is Dead" is a just-right read for when you've got a great big hole in your time.

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Beautify Pullman receives statewide recognition

By Gari Voss

The Office for Rural Prosperity (ORP) offers a variety of grants that can assist rural communities in reaching visions that would not be possible without monetary assistance. One community that has benefited from the ORP's Rural Readiness Grant program is Pullman. MI thanks to the dedication of the Beautify Pullman team.

ORP realizes that assessments and data are needed for communities to understand what is needed and possible to achieve, while creating a clear vision. Planning helps build agreements about how to reach the vision step by step. This often requires organizing funding and building a network of partners who believe in the project(s).

In the 2025 Annual Impact Report of the Michigan Office of Rural Prosperity, the ORP recognized Beautify Pullman for their diligence in designing the path to achieve their vision for their community.

Beautify Pullman is a small, grassroots nonprofit organization serving the unincorporated town of Pullman in Lee Township, Allegan County. ORP recognized the talents and determination of the group to raise funds and coordinate efforts that would have a significant impact on the Pullman community.

With a Rural Readiness grant and through its participation in the Rural Readiness Network, Beautify Pullman has been able to take advantage of numerous state and federal programs to advance community priorities. Their efforts have brought about tangible results with possibilities to apply for additional investments.

ORP's Rural Readiness Grant program has funded a non-motorized transportation initiative that prepared Pullman to apply for a Safe Routes to School grant. As Beautify Pullman progressed through the process, ORP became a valued partner and assisted in connecting the group to resources such as the Michigan Infrastructure Office.

With the assistance of ORP, Beautify Pullman identified additional funding sources and engaged effectively with the local government, which ultimately resulted in township and county participation in non-motorized transportation requirements. Thus, Pullman is one of only a few rural communities positioned to apply for a Safe Routes to School grant that will garner $652,000 of new investments in non-motorized trails.

Beautify Pullman has already brought a town square complete with a pavilion, play area, and Veterans Memorial. The networking achieved during the process and work with ORP has connected the organization with Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Environmental Justice Thriving Communities grant program, which is providing $75,000 for environmental testing that can lead to effectively planning for community amenities.

ORP's Rural Readiness Network also referred Beautify Pullman to the Environmental Protection Agency's Thriving Communities Grant Making Program that will lead to the funding of more projects in Pullman.

Fundraisers

When all is said and done, the grant programs that have assisted Beautify Pullman complete projects around town are not the only funding source that helps bring people together. The concerts, dinners, summer music programs, movies, etc. require funds. Free events can be offered thanks to fundraisers like the Mystery Dinner Theater and the Spring Online Auction.

Thinking of Online Auction, the Experience Michigan Online Auction will be open from Saturday, March 21, 2026, to March 28th. The wonderful items offered in the auction can be viewed now at https://ExperienceMichigan2026.charityauction.bid before the bidding begins on March 21st.

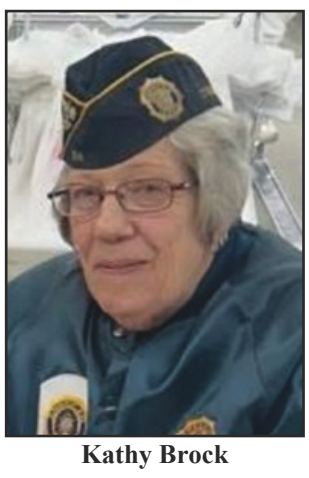
The proceeds will be used to support the numerous community lunches and dinners offered during holidays, the summer music concert and food truck nights, the outdoor movies, and Farmers Markets.

The Beautify Pullman team shared, "We are grateful for your continued confidence and partnership as we build on this momentum and advance Pullman's long-term vitality."

Obituaries

Kathleen L. "Kathy" Brock

Kathy Brock passed away unexpectedly on March 4, 2026, at Beacon Hospital in Kalamazoo. She was born on August 22, 1956, to Walter and Vivian (Walters) Reed, in Plainwell. Kathy graduated from Otsego High School in 1974 and proudly served her country in the US Navy. She then attended beauty school and opened her own hair salon in Otsego, later operating out of her home. Kathy enjoyed doing puzzles, yardwork, bird watching, reading, and taking care of animals. She also liked doing arts and crafts, including ceramics and pottery. She took pride in keeping her house clean and organized. She was a member of the Otsego American



Kathy Brock

Legion, where she held leadership roles. In November 1994, she married Ronnie Brock, who survives. Also surviving are her stepson, Ronnie Brock Jr.; her siblings, twin sister Karin (Al) Laws, Larry (Sherri) Reed, and Loren (Cynthia) Reed, along with 21 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, mother and father-in-law and sister-in-law, Debbie. According to her wishes cremation has taken place.

Friends may visit with Kathy's family from noon-3pm on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at Winkel Funeral Home in Otsego. Burial of ashes with military honors will follow at Mountain Home Cemetery. Contributions in memory of Kathy may be directed to the Otsego American Legion or Wishbone Pet Rescue. Messages of condolence may be posted at www.WinkelFuneralHome.com.

David Knoth

David Knoth, affectionately known as "Dave," was born on November 5, 1971, in Brunswick, Georgia. He passed away on February 5, 2026, in Kalamazoo, Michigan, after a courageous battle with illness. Throughout his life, David exemplified kindness and determination, ultimately becoming a celebrated mechanic and cherished family member.

David's journey into the world of mechanics began early, learning the nuances of truck spring work from his father. He further honed his skills by taking online classes to become a service technician for power equipment. Known for his exceptional problem-solving abilities, he earned the respect of his colleagues and friends alike.

Educated at Wayland Union High School, David was not only an industrious learner but also a fun-loving individual whose spirit resonated with those around him. He created myriad fond memories throughout his life, including playful days of building bike ramps with his brothers and nurturing an enduring affection for

David Knoth

animals, particularly dogs. His passion for creativity was evidenced by his unique hobby of collecting rocks, crafting them into beautiful necklaces and crosses.

David was fiercely devoted to his family, and his love for his children was profound. He was a kind-hearted person who took immense pride in being a father to Kayla and Steven Knoth. The connections he cultivated extended beyond immediate family, as he maintained long-lasting friendships that enriched his life. Those who knew him can attest to his ability to light up a room with his presence and warmth.

Despite facing health challenges, including a victorious battle against cancer and a heart valve replacement, David remained a fighter until the very end. His tenacity serves as an inspiration to all who knew him.

David is survived by his loving father, David W. Knoth; his mother, Ellen Perez; stepfather, Abel Perez; brother, Mike Knoth; daughter, Kayla Knoth; son, Steven Knoth; as well as many nieces, nephews, step-siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, and second-generation nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Erwin and Eugenia Knoth, Paul and Lucy Adams; his brother, Amos Knoth; uncles Wayne, Jim, Gene Knoth, and Larry Stockwell; and nephew Mathew Burklow.

As we remember Dave, we celebrate a man who approached life with humor, love, and resilience. His legacy will be carried on by the many who loved him, and he will be truly missed by all.

Esther Lavina Simpson

Esther Lavina Simpson, 76, of Rodney, MI, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on March 2, 2026. She was born to David and Arvilla (Oisten) Kaylor at Allegan General Hospital, Allegan, MI, on October 20, 1949, and graduated with honors from Allegan High School with "the Class of '67."

She began her professional career at Ferris State University (then "College") in 1974 as an entry-level clerk/typist in the Department of Nursing. She rose quickly through the ranks in various positions in the offices of Residential Life (Student Services/Housing), the Board of Trustees, and Charter Schools. While working full-time, maintaining a household, and helping to raise her then young children, she earned both associate and bachelor's degrees from Ferris. During her 16-year tenure as Executive Assistant to the Board of Trustees, she developed and distributed materials for board and committee meetings that she attended as a recording secretary; represented the board and several standing and ad hoc committees; was a member of, and provided clerical assistance to, three presidential search teams; and was appointed to a Special Project Team as one of eight co-editors who gathered and compiled documents for "The Autobiography of Woodbridge N. Ferris" that was published in-house as part of the University's sesquicentennial observance in 1995.

As Compliance Auditor/FSU Board Liaison for Charter Schools for 10 years, she frequently traveled throughout the

Esther Lavina Simpson

state, often for days at a time, to attend the charter school academies' board of directors' meetings; advised and assisted administrative personnel with contractual obligations; and developed and presented annual seminars and training sessions for clerical staff. She also held an academic year assignment as Senior Advisor to the President of Bay Mills Community College while its board of directors established their Charter Schools Office and academies. She ended her 33 years of distinguished service to the University on June 30, 2007, and received certificates of recognition from the Michigan legislature and the FSU Board of Trustees, and beautifully engraved plaques from the Michigan Association of Public School Academies, the Michigan Council of Charter School Academies, Bay Mills Community College, and several charter schools throughout the state that she supervised and assisted. She credits much of her success with charter schools to her highly respected and outstanding mentor, Jimmie Rodgers, the schools' director.

She is survived by her daughter, Connie (Robert) Jackson, and sons Eric (Michelle) Schlaack and Robin and Chad Simpson; sisters, Rebecca "Becky" (Russell) Deaton, and Mercedes (Roger) Greene, and "baby brother" Wesley Kaylor, whom she admired, respected, and loved dearly for many reasons; grandchildren, Kendall and Nathan Jackson, and Lily and Sheldon Simpson; and maternal aunts Carol (Leonard) Schaeffer and Gloria (Bruce) Hoyer, both of Allegan. She also leaves behind her very special friends and neighbors, the Adams family (Janet, Gary, and Matthew); "Miss Lana" and Tyler Blount; and Nicole and Craig Derby; all of whom, without question or hesitation, responded to her requests for help; and her beloved sisterhood with (the late) Nancy Arnot, Cathy Castagnier, Sue Fairbairn, and Maureen (Moe) Gaylord.

Esther was proceeded in death by her parents; in-laws, Floyd and Jeanne Simpson; brother, Daniel Kaylor; and her loving and devoted husband, Dale, who was the center of her universe for almost 40 years.

Cremation was entrusted to Daggett-Gilbert Funeral Home of Big Rapids and, per her final wishes, there will be no memorial service.

Memorial donations may be made to Ferris State University to the scholarship of donor's choice.

Phyllis Loraine (Vote) Rice

Phyllis Loraine (Vote) Rice passed peacefully into the arms of her Savior on March 5, 2026, at Centrica Rose Arbor in Kalamazoo, MI. Phyllis was born to her late parents Harold and Terressa (Boylan) Vote on August 8, 1935, in Allegan, MI. After graduating from Otsego High School, she met her late husband Arlyn Rice and shared over 49 years of dedicated marriage before his passing in 2009. Phyllis started her career as a radiologic technologist specializing in mammography at Allegan General Hospital and then to Plainwell Pipp Hospital where she retired after 30 years. Outside of work, she loved playing any kind of card game, piecing together sticker books, watching sports on TV, supporting her grandkids at sporting events, and watching the great grandbabies. She was a member at the Church of

Phyllis Loraine Rice

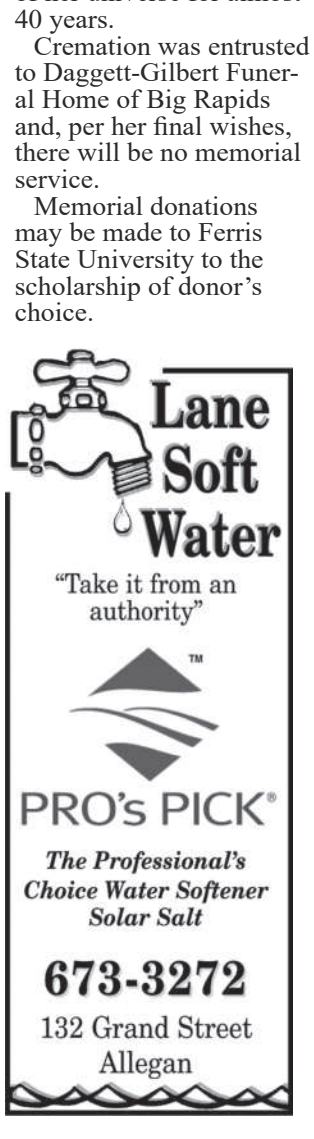
God in Otsego and then to Merson Corners Church in Allegan. She treasured time with family and friends. She embodied living life by the golden rule and lived life setting a high moral standard for all to follow.

She is survived by her children, Todd Rice, Sheri (Russ) James, Dixie (Bryan) Lake, and Denise Ball; siblings, Dale (Donalyn) Vote, and Nancy Vote; 11 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents Harold and Terressa Vote, husband Aryln Rice, sister Crystal Coulter, sister-in-law Sue Vote and daughter-in-law Melanie Rice.

Phyllis's open visitation will be on Thursday, March 12, from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM at Gorden Funeral Residence, Allegan Chapel, 528 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, MI 49010. Following visitation, there will be a graveside service at Mallory Cemetery. Following the graveside there will be a luncheon at Merson Church 3313 102nd, Avenue, Gobles, MI, 49055.

Memorial donations may be made to Centrica Rose Arbor Place, 5473 Croyden Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49009.



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Volunteer Fair opens opportunities for non-profits

By Gari Voss

The Allegan County Community Foundation (ACCF) supports non-profit organizations across Allegan County. This support takes the form of leadership training and monetary support, but an underlying theme is building networks. One of the most important events organized by ACCF is the Volunteer Fair that combines learning about the myriad of non-profit organizations across Allegan County with Giving Day.

The two events come together on Thursday, March 19, 2026, when Giving Day runs all day and beyond, and the Volunteer Fair opens from 12 – 2pm at The Silo, 1071 32nd St., Allegan. The driving force is to explore ways to share time, talent, and treasure not only on March 19th, but throughout the year.

On March 19th, everyone able is encouraged to give monetary support to a non-profit that matches their passion. At the same time, all are welcome to attend the Volunteer Fair at The Silo to learn about non-profits and opportunities to share talents and time to further their efforts.

"Many local nonprofits are seeking volunteers who can share their knowledge, skills, and life experience in ways that fit their interests and schedules," explained the ACCF team. "Whether you're looking for something ongoing, occasional, or simply want to explore what opportunities are available, this Volunteer Fair is a relaxed and welcoming place to start."

The event is casual and designed to allow visitors to come-and-go. Perspective volunteers are able to stop by booths, visit with organization representatives, and learn about volunteer roles that are meaningful and manageable because they offer flexibility and social connections. Food and refreshments will be available for those taking their lunch hour from work to visit The Silo.

"Volunteering is a wonderful way to stay engaged, share your gifts, and continue making a positive impact in the community you care about," stated the ACCF team, who added for the participating non-profits, "We would love to see you there!"

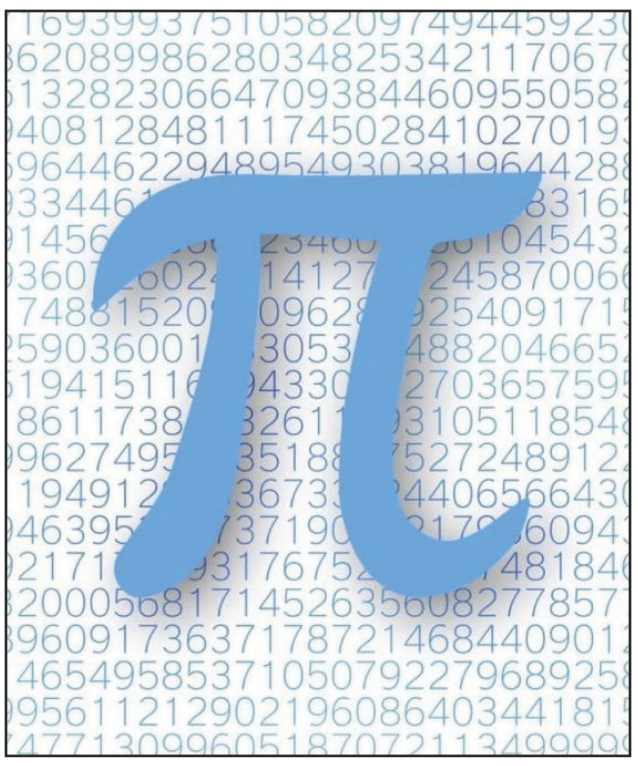
Knowledgeable Mathematicians celebrate PI Day; Allegan celebrates the Art of Allegan

By Gari Voss

Over the years, middle and high school students have been introduced to National Pi Day thanks to enthusiastic mathematics teachers. The day is March 14th because the constant π's first three numbers are 3.14. It is rather difficult to enjoy the mathematical pi, so pie lovers substitute something far tastier on March 14th.

For those who may have forgotten their basic geometry, π is the ratio between the circumference of a circle and its diameter. The discovery was made thousands of years ago. By 2000 BCE, the Egyptians and Babylonians accurately used the constant. Mathematicians such as Archimedes, Fibonacci, François Viète, Adriaan van Roomen, and Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz calculated pi using different methods. In 1706, William Jones, a Welsh mathematician, began using the Greek letter π to represent the ratio.

March 14th, in the United States, has found various significant



events. In 1899, the U.S. Patent Office issued patent #621,195 to Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin for his invention of a Navigable Balloon which was also known as the Zeppelin.

In 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt signed an executive order creating the first national wildlife refuge at Pelican Island, Florida. During his presidency he would establish a total of 55 national wildlife refuges to preserve habitats and a network of ecosystems.

In 1923, following the passage of the 16th Amendment, President Warren G. Harding became the first U.S. president to pay income tax.

In 1927, the American Society of Civil Engineers elected Elsie Eaves as their first woman associate member.

In 1950, the FBI published the first 10 Most Wanted Fugitives list with Thomas James Holden at the top of the list.

Those celebrating birthdays on March 14th include theoretical physicist Albert Einstein (1879), musician Quincy Jones (1933), comedian Billy Crystal (1948), and gymnast Simone Biles (1997).

Since Pi Day reminds people of things that are round, they have created fun activities like having a competition to see who can repeat the longest list of numbers after the basic 3.14 to finish the calculation that has no end. But for the most part, the favorite plans include eating round items like pizza or favorite pies while watching The Life of Pi.

In 2026, Pi Day falls on a Saturday, so consider taking a walk around town to enjoy the activities and workshops celebrating the Art of Allegan, or stroll in nature and notice all the things that would have a circumference that can be calculated using pi.

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For The Record

Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

If you were three-years-old and lost in the woods: If you were a three-year-old, lost in the woods on a dark night and you heard 100 men and women crashing through the underbrush toward you, what would you do?

Three-year-old Bobby Wenus did just as you would expect. He huddled lower in the pile of leaves in which he had taken refuge and, if the chance beam of a flashlight hadn't searched him out, a hastily organized posse might have searched still.

Bobby was lost for seven hours last Friday night. He was found by the posse about 1 A.M. Saturday morning in the woods north-east of M-89, east of the city.

The men and women who made up the posse used lights, a walk-ie-talkie and even a tracking dog.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wenus, Bobby was declared physically fit at Allegan Health Center where he was taken after his ordeal. Sheriff L. A. Johnson and state police organized the search after Bobby turned up missing between a neighbors house and his own home.

The search party formed a long line about midnight to scour the area. Some feared he might have fallen into the river. They believed he had walked several miles in the night before taking refuge as his tracks were found over a wide area.

Feb. 26, 1976

Glenn Owen has plane hobby: Glen Owen is a chip off the old block.

As with his father, Owen can't sit still. And as a self-employed musician for the past 40 years, he finds a lot of daytime hours to fill.

So last fall he started taking a chip off the old block.

Using an ancient, cast iron jig saw and assorted pieces of wood, Owen started making World War II airplanes, sawing, chipping, and whittling away at wood, sanding, smoothing, and gluing pieces together until he had crafted a fleet of 47 of the bi- and tri-winged planes.

His sunroom ceiling is covered with the crafts, and his own design, and a few of the models have made their way to Missouri and Wisconsin where the kids he's given them to live.

"I got the idea to make the planes while visiting my son-in-law in Tennessee last year," he said. "He's a missionary and was taking advanced flight school there.

"He took me for a ride and that's when the idea hit me."

"I was in the Air Force in World War II, but it wasn't until that flight that I got the itch both to fly and to build something for kids. Making the models combined the two."

The kids, he said, love the models and he worked thru the winter months making as many as he could. One model is so large it has a seat on it for a youngster.

March 1, 2001

Allegan plans for future: John Kyes, Allegan's business development director, is hatching big plans for the future. He knows the city has no more room to spread, no more room for new stores or new homes, but in Kyes' world, that means finding other ways to grow. That means thinking outside the box.

His answer to the problem of development is to give the city a makeover. His answer is to turn Allegan into a regional center for arts and entertainment and for family events.

"This is an exciting time, in my opinion," Kyes said. "What we want to do is turn Allegan into a destination."

Kyes said one million people live within an hour's drive of the city and three million live within three hours' drive. His plan to bring some of those people to Allegan begins with the city's social life. A new arts and entertainment director, Linda Felder of Holland, will come to Allegan March 5. Kyes said the program schedule at the Griswold Auditorium and the Regent Theatre under Felder will be a key to growth. The city ought to exploit the talents of state-sponsored touring groups, he said. A new performing arts center at Allegan High School, soon to be built, will add another note in the piece.

"This plan has been on the drawing board for a long time," Kyes said.

The waterfront boardwalk is one of Allegan's endearing features. Negotiations by city officials could bring about an extension of the boardwalk. (Photo by Janelle Jackson)

A central string to the bow of growth is the character of downtown. A makeover, according to Kyes, will require tearing down a few buildings and reshuffling occupancy in others.

March 4, 2021

Social districts becoming more popular in SW Michigan: Revitalizing downtown areas during a COVID pandemic has proven a challenge for communities large and small. Larger communities such as Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Holland opened Social Districts to draw people downtown by providing outdoor gathering places for those wishing to get out of their homes and "mingle" with other humans in safe ways.

Allegan has had their Social District open since early December 2020. If in the District, individuals can purchase food and drinks at local participating establishments. If alcohol is in an approved container that has the logo of the city and the establishment, the container can be carried into other shops participating in the program.

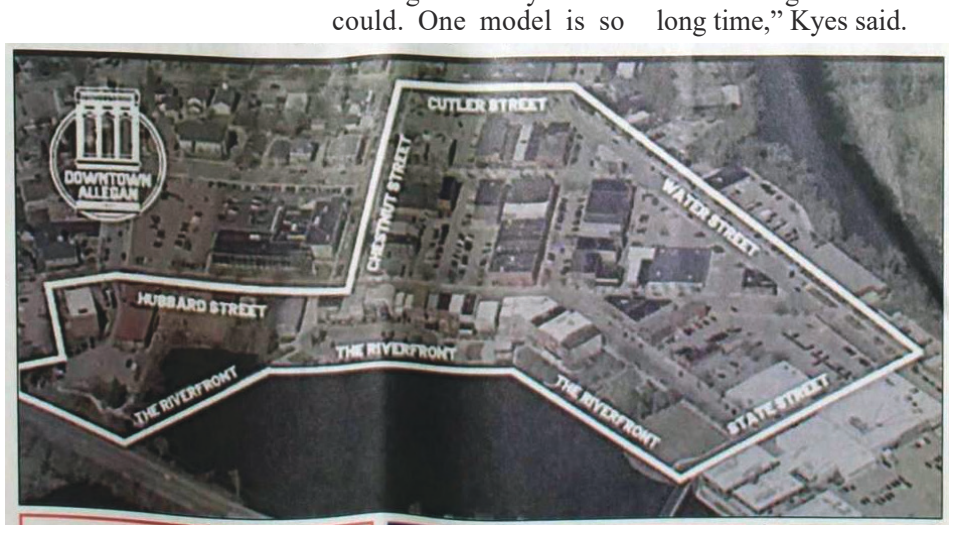
At this time, the only downtown food establishments requesting licenses have been Schaendorf's and the soon to open, Tantrick's. This may be because bars have had permission to serve "to go" drinks since the first food and beverage shutdown, but this may be adjusted.

As Saugatuck deliberates opening a Social District, questions have arisen as to the success of Allegan's opening. As pointed out by Allegan's Police Chief Jay Gibson, "It's been a success here, but we haven't had it during peak weather."

City Manager Joel Dye was uncertain to an overall increase, but "at times it does seem busier than usual. However, it is not a considerable increase in people downtown."

Even knowing that the District has only been open in cold weather, Gibson, Mayor Delora Andus and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tim Perrigo feel the opening of the Social District has brought people from other parts of Western Michigan and beyond to Allegan. "Allegan did have to increase the length of time the firepit on the Riverfront is turned on because there were more people hanging out down there," Perrigo explained.

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk



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Dec. 4, 2025

SUZANNE L MARTIN, 39, Plainwell

Jan. 30, 2026

PEARL JEAN BUTCHER, 84, Otsego

Feb. 3, 2026

CHARLES JAMES MEDLER, 97, Allegan

Feb. 5, 2026

HENRY LEE GARRETT SR, 80, Dorr Twp.

Feb. 6, 2026

SEGUNDO AGUIRRE ALMAZAN, 72, Fennville

Feb. 7, 2026

ELIZABETH ANN JONES, 88, Saugatuck

Feb. 8, 2026

OSCAR MARTINEZ ROSS, 79, Ganges Twp.

Feb. 10, 2026

DARWIN GENE LAMPEN, 74, Otsego Twp.

Feb. 11, 2026

RONALD LEROY BELDEN, 86, Trowbridge Twp.

HAZEL IRENE POLITYKA, 99, Allegan

Feb. 12, 2026

DANIEL JOHN CHRISMAN, 47, Wayland Twp.

Feb. 13, 2026

LESLIE MAY JOHNSON, 74, Ganges Twp.

Feb. 14, 2026

RUTH ELLA PATRICK, 91, Otsego Twp.

Feb. 15, 2026

MARCIA C BUTLER, 85, Gun Plain

Feb. 9, 2026

DWIGHT HENRY WESTER, 65, Wayland

Feb. 18, 2025

LAUREL GLADWIN MINER, 91, Otsego Twp.

DONALD GARY ANDERSON, 82, Valley Twp.

PAUL HENRY SMITH, 78, Dorr TWp

Feb. 20, 2026

NAOMI RUTH BROWN, 98, Holland

Feb. 21, 2026

PAUL LEROY DEAN, 86, Otsego Twp.

Feb. 22, 2026

ZADA CAROLYN LACOURSE, 73, Dorr Twp.

Feb. 23, 2026

CAROLYN LACY, 73, Ganges Twp.

PRESTON LEE TAYLOR, 76, Plainwell

SELINDA LOIS BERENS, 84, Holland

Feb. 24, 2026

RICHARD JOSEPH ADAMCZYK, 98, Wayland

PAUL SCOTT HICKS, 58, Gun Plain Twp.

SANDRA LYNN BREUKER, 73, Heath Twp.

Feb. 25, 2026

LINDA KAY SMITH, 78, Holland

Feb. 26, 2026

CHERYL ANN STEWART, 79, Gun Plain Twp.

Feb. 27, 2026

MARY ANN GEURINK, 71, Fillmore Twp.

Feb. 28, 2026

RICHARD DUANE LEHMAN, 95, Gun Plain Twp

March 1, 2026

KATHRYN KEENE, 77, Plainwell

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between Feb. 10 and Feb. 18:

ALESHA JEAN FUSS, Pullman, and **CARL ALLEN PATTAN**, Pillman

KARLEI ANN SAGAS, Plainwell, and **TYKEATON ALLEGAN GRAY**, Kalamazoo

EUGENE JULIUS LANINGA, Holland, and **JOHANNE GERDA JANKE**, Caledonia

HARLEE NICOLE BURROWS, Fennville, and **MARK JAMES KOHN**, Morley

CHRISTIAN ANTHONY HELDEROP, Allegan, and **JENNIFER SUZANNE REUSS**, Caledonia

STEPHANIE MARIE MITTS, Hamilton, and **MICHAEL EUGENE JOHNSON**, Hamilton

The following people applied for a marriage license between Feb. 17 and feb. 25:

HARLEE NICOLE BURROWS, Fennville, and **MARK JAMES KOHN**, Morley

CHRISTIAN ANTHONY HELDEROP, Allegan, and **JENNIFER SUZANNE REUSS**, Caledonia

STEPHANIE MARIE MITTS, Hamilton, and **MICHAEL EUGENE JOHNSON**, Hamilton

BENJAMIN EARL PEASE, Bloomingdale, and **ALYSSA QUINN CHAMBERLAIN**, Allegan

ALEXANDRA JAZMIN HERNANDEZ MORALES, Martin, and **TRENT AVERY OCONNOR**, Lake Orion

DANA ALYCE ARMSWORTH, Fennville, and **JASON DANIEL CHASE**, Fennville

SAMARA RAEANNE MARKEY, Plainwell, and **MICHAEL EDWARD BURTON**, Plainwell

JORDAN MATTHEW STEGGERDA, Plainwell, and **MEGAN NICOLE GREENE**, MCMINNVILLE, OR

KARINA MENDEZ HERNANDEZ, Fennville, and **GABINO RODULFO GOMEZ ROBLERO**, Fennville

MICHAEL ARTHUR CASE, Wayland, and **ELIZABETH ANN KELLY**, Wayland

The following people applied for a marriage license between Feb. 24 and March 4:

KARINA MENDEZ HERNANDEZ, Fennville, and **GABINO RODULFO GOMEZ ROBLERO**, Fennville

MICHAEL ARTHUR CASE, Wayland, and **ELIZABETH ANN KELLY**, Wayland

JOSEPHINE ROSELLA AREAUX, Allegan, and **TIMOTHY RAYMOND DOUGLAS**, Allegan

TOMIKA RICHELE FLETCHER, Allegan, and **BRAYAN JESUS FLORES**, Allegan

COLLEEN SUE POTTER, Hamilton, and **DEREK MICHAEL HAMBERG**, Holland

ANTHONY THOMAS LACY MILLER, Dorr, and **MORGAN AURORA CHRISMAN**, Dorr

DEVON STEVEN SCOTT BAUER, Fennville, and **ANGELIQUE PEARL TRAYNOR**, Fennville

TOMIKA RICHELE FLETCHER, Allegan, and **BRAYAN JESUS FLORES**, Allegan

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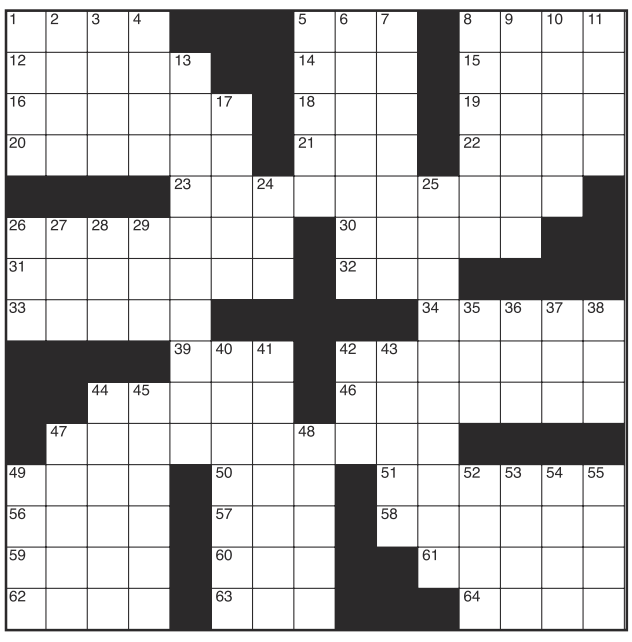

CLUES ACROSS

1. What travelers must do
5. Calendar month
8. Hopefully quickly
12. Once more
14. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
15. 'Cheers' actress Perlman
16. Astronomy unit
18. Savings vehicle
19. Get your ducks in this
20. Right away
21. Popular sports league
22. Containers
23. Entireties
26. One who wassails
30. Turned-up position
31. Extreme modesty
32. Writing utensil
33. Rewards (archaic)
34. Ancient capital
39. S. American wood sorrel
42. General discomfort
44. Philippine island
46. A witty saying
47. One who summarizes
49. Covered in
50. Mimic
51. Henry was a notable one
56. Daughter of Hera and Zeus
57. Retired NFLer Newton
58. Playground equipment
59. Concept
60. Satisfaction
61. Fishing net
62. Hammer end
63. A father's male child
64. Japanese drink

CLUES DOWN

1. Off-Broadway figure
2. Gelatinous substance
3. Concern
4. 'Lick It Up' rockers
5. Serbian river
6. Part of a hat
7. Bowl-shaped drinking vessel
8. Semitic language
9. Utter a shrill cry
10. Long times
11. Animal parts
13. Causing annoyance
17. Amorous talker
24. Attempt
25. Harmonic effects
26. Cost per mile
27. They __
28. Bitterly regret
29. Not even
35. A way to drop
36. Title of respect
37. World leader
38. Georgia rockers
40. National capital
41. Great Plains people
42. Duck-sized dinosaur genus
43. Architectural recesses
44. Member of U.S. Navy
45. Mountainous
47. Kite bird
48. Sweetheart (archaic)
49. Popular snack made of potato
52. 70s songsters The Bee __
53. SE China port __-men
54. Something to fill up
55. League of Legends character

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Plainwell seventh-graders learn about online safety, digital footprints

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Seventh-grade students at Plainwell Middle School recently took part in a presentation focused on online safety, social media and cyberbullying, part of an effort to help students better understand the real-world consequences of digital behavior.

The presentation was led by Plainwell Director of Public Safety Kevin Callahan and School Resource Officer Bob Farris, and organized by the school's counseling department. It marked the third year the program has been offered to students.

School officials say the goal is to provide students with practical tools to help them navigate an increasingly digital world.

"These vital discussions equip students with knowledge about the significance of online safety and offer essential tools to protect themselves while navigating online platforms," the district said in a social media post.

Callahan said the presentation grew out of patterns law enforcement began noticing involving students and social media.

"From a law-enforcement perspective, we began seeing a pattern of complaints and investigations originating at the middle school and high school levels involving sexting, non-consensual image sharing and misuse of social media and cell phones," Callahan said.

"Rather than waiting for incidents to escalate into criminal cases, we felt a proactive, prevention-focused approach was necessary."

Seventh grade was chosen intentionally as the target audience because many students begin gaining greater access to smartphones, social media platforms and messaging apps during that time.

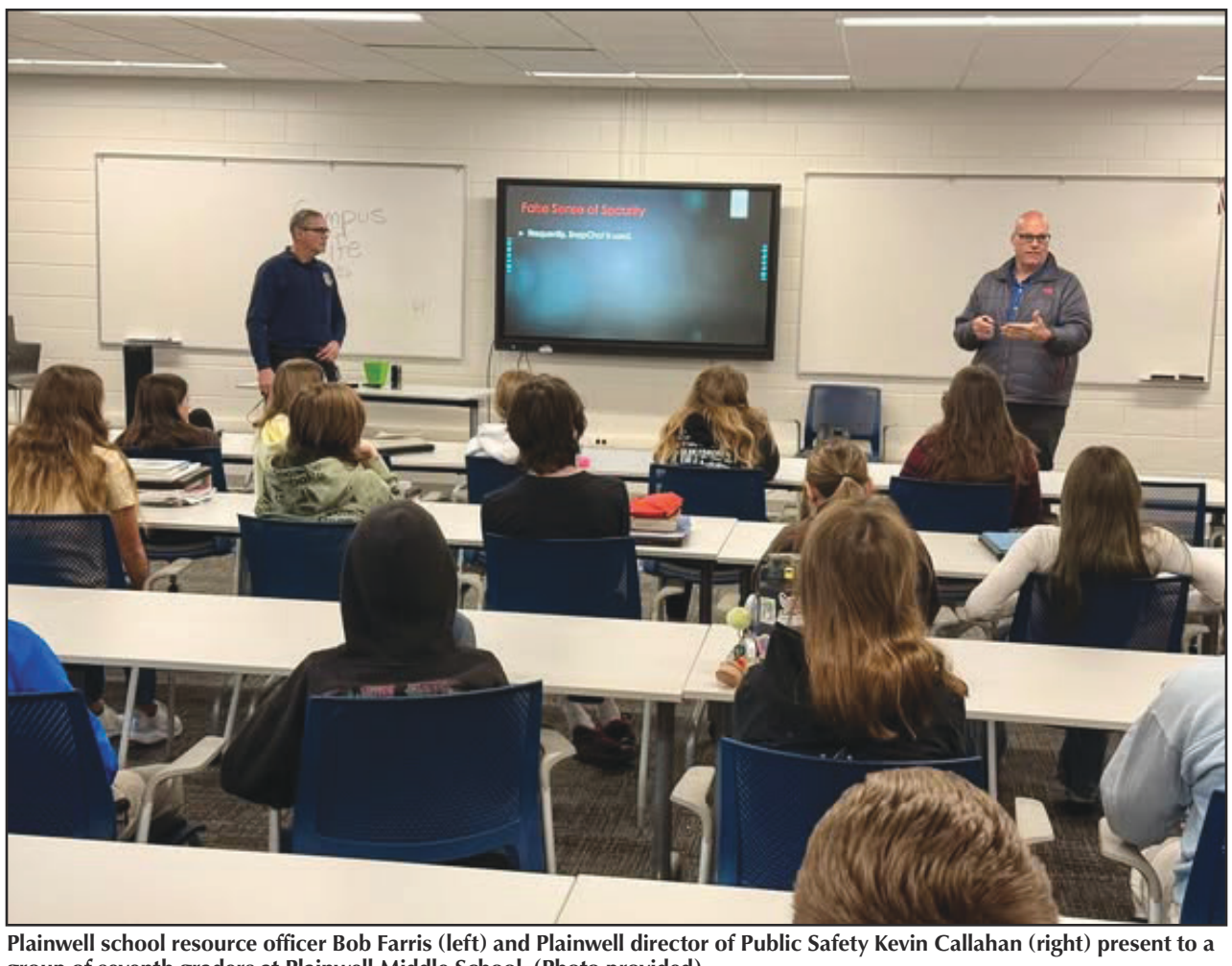
"Providing education at this stage allows us to reach students early—before behaviors become normalized or escalate into criminal or victimization situations," Callahan said. "The goal is early intervention, not punishment."

During the presentation, students learn about topics including Michigan and federal laws related to sexting and explicit images, the concept of digital footprints, and the potential legal consequences tied to certain online behaviors.

Farris said the presentations also provide an opportunity to connect with students and reinforce responsible technology use.

"Getting in the classroom is a great way to build relationships with students and address issues surrounding cell phones, social media and cyberbullying," Farris said. "It helps remind students about being responsible on their devices and the importance of making the right decisions.

"Not all, but most kids have cell phones and are in need of constant reminders about the dangers that can surround using them. Their future and opportunities can be greatly impacted by decisions they are making today."



Plainwell school resource officer Bob Farris (left) and Plainwell director of Public Safety Kevin Callahan (right) present to a group of seventh graders at Plainwell Middle School. (Photo provided)

Plainwell Middle School counselor Tiffany Spencer said the program was developed out of necessity as the counseling office began seeing an increase in issues connected to social media.

"Issues with social media kept coming into the office, especially after a weekend," Spencer said. "While many students have cell phones, very few are aware of the dangers online or the long-term consequences of what they post."

She added that students often do not realize that the people they communicate with online may not always be who they claim to be, and that cyberbullying can have serious emotional impacts.

"This is important because we teach students about consequences, safety and the importance of leaving positive digital footprints," Spencer said.

Despite the serious subject matter, officials said students have responded well to the presentations.

"The response has been attentive and respectful," Callahan said. "Our goal is not to scare students, but to make sure they leave informed and better equipped to make safe choices."

Farris said students often ask thoughtful questions during the session, and in some cases approach staff afterward to discuss concerns about social media situations involving themselves or friends.

Spencer said those conversations are one of the most meaningful outcomes of the program.

"The best thing is when students report concerns about a friend or even themselves," she said. "We stress that they will not be in trouble for asking for help."

Recent fires highlight the importance of working smoke detectors and home fire extinguishers

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Since last December, firefighters from the Plainwell Department of Public Safety have responded to three residential fires in the City of Plainwell.

According to Plainwell Director of Public Safety Kevin Callahan, those incidents are a stark reminder of the important role working smoke detectors and basic fire safety equipment play in protecting lives and property.

"These recent fires show just how important smoke detectors are," Callahan said. "In every one of these incidents, early detection gave residents the time they needed to get out safely and allowed firefighters to respond quickly.

"Something as simple as a working smoke detector can truly save lives."

The three residential fires in Plainwell took place in December (100 Block of South Sherwood Ave.), three weeks ago (400 Block of South Main St.) and two weekends ago (900 Block of Second Division St.).

The 400 Block of South Main St. fire and the 900 Block of Second Division St. fire required mutual aid response from the Gun Plain Township Fire Department. The South Sherwood and Second Division St. incidents also received assistance from the Otsego Fire Department.

All three received assistance from Plainwell EMS.

The cooperation between departments ensured a rapid and effective response.

"Fortunately, because of early detection and quick action by residents and responding firefighters, all three fires were contained quickly, preventing more serious damage and potential injuries," officials said in a release.

The Plainwell Department of Public Safety encourages all residents to ensure they have properly functioning smoke detectors installed throughout their homes.

National fire safety guidelines recommend:

* Installing smoke detectors on every level of your home
* Placing detectors inside and outside sleeping areas
* Testing detectors monthly
* Replacing batteries at least once per year
* Replacing smoke detectors every 10 years

"Smoke detectors provide the critical early warning needed to escape a fire safely and allow firefighters to arrive before flames grow out of control," officials said.

In addition to smoke detectors, residents should consider keeping a multipurpose (ABC-rated) fire extinguisher in their homes, particularly in locations such as:

* Kitchens
* Garages
* Workshops
* Near exits

"Fire extinguishers can help residents quickly extinguish small, early-stage fires, but they should only be used if it is safe to do so and an exit is always available," officials said.

The Plainwell Department of Public Safety encourages residents to check their smoke detectors today and ensure their homes have basic fire safety equipment in place.

Residents with questions about smoke detectors, fire extinguishers or home fire safety are encouraged to contact the Plainwell Department of Public Safety at (269) 685-9858 for additional information.

Plainwell Council to discuss purchasing proposal

By John Raffel
Correspondent

PLAINWELL — The Plainwell City Council was set to meet earlier this week and discussed a purchasing proposal with Plainwell auto.

It was noted local Plainwell Auto store owner David Steffen would like to purchase approximately one acre of the mill property to build a new building for his business. At the Jan 26th council meeting, the Council voted to enter into negotiations with Steffem to sell him one acre of land.

The closing costs would be split between Steffen and the City, and the City would pay for the survey work to create the new parcel. The purchase agreement stipulates that Stefan has 90 days for his inspection period, which begins once the survey and title work has been completed, and that closing will take place after his site plan has been approved for the building.

This ensures that he will only purchase the land if he can build his store on the property. The proposed location is in an area on the property that was cleaned up to "commercial standard" during the remediation. This means that this area can only be used for commercial development.

The council was set to consider approving the sale of approximately 1 acre of real property of the parent parcel 55-030-076-01 to David Steffen for a price of $40,000 per acre, subject to surveys, and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to enter into a purchase/sale agreement for the property.

The council was also to consider further authorization for the City Manager and City Clerk to execute any documents or other agreements necessary to close on the sale of the property and to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to take any steps reasonably necessary to effectuate the sale of the property subject to this motion.

Natural gas line leak resolved in Wedgewood Condominiums area

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Residents in the Wedgewood Condominiums area of Plainwell received a scare on Friday, March 6.

A leak in a natural gas line was reported in that vicinity, resulting in officers from the Plainwell Department of Public Safety and utility company officials to converge on the area.

According to Plainwell Public Safety director Kevin Callahan, the situation was resolved in a timely matter. No injuries or other issues were reported.

"The gas company was able to take care of the leak within a couple hours of the social media post," Callahan said. "Everyone was back up and running with gas service pretty quickly."

The social media post referenced by Callahan was posted at 12:19 p.m., alerting the public of the situation and asking residents and motorists to avoid the area.

"Out of an abundance of caution, the area is being restricted while crews work to safely resolve the situation," the post said.

To ensure residents in the immediate area were receiving timely information, Plainwell Public Safety officers went door-to-door with instructions as needed. Residents in the affected area were encouraged to follow any guidance provided by responding personnel and the utility company.

Motorists were asked to avoid the Wedgewood Condominiums area and seek alternate routes until the situation had been fully resolved.

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Nieuwenhuis siblings win state championships

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

DETROIT—It's doubtful that the Nieuwenhuis clan from Plainwell has adopted an official family song.

If they ever decided to do so, however, a couple of good options would be "We Are the Champions" by Queen or "Celebration" by Kool and the Gang.

Because there was plenty of celebrating after siblings Madison and Dylan Nieuwenhuis each emerged as champions at the MHSAA Individual Wrestling State Finals on Saturday, Feb. 7.

Plainwell's Dylan Nieuwenhuis (left) battles teammate Tyler Cooper in the finals at 113 pounds. (Photo provided by the MHSAA)

Madison, a senior, won the 105-pound title at the Girls Finals, with sophomore Dylan claiming the 113-pound crown at the Boys Division 2 finals just minutes later.

The state title was the fourth for Madison, who pinned Howell's Olive DiMassa in 1:34 seconds before making her way two mats down to support Dylan.

"I was listening the whole time," Dylan told MHSAA.com of Madison's match. "I got a little bit more excited when I heard that she had won during my match.

"Just having her in my corner, knowing she's been there and won four titles, just helped me out huge throughout the year."

Dylan's opponent in the finals was a familiar one: fellow Plainwell sophomore and training partner Tyler Cooper.

Dylan won by a 4-1 overtime decision for his first state crown.

"We know everything each other does, so it was just a matter of who's going to have the bigger gas tank," Dylan said.

Madison didn't need to have much gas in the tank during her first two matches, as she won each by pin in a minute or less.

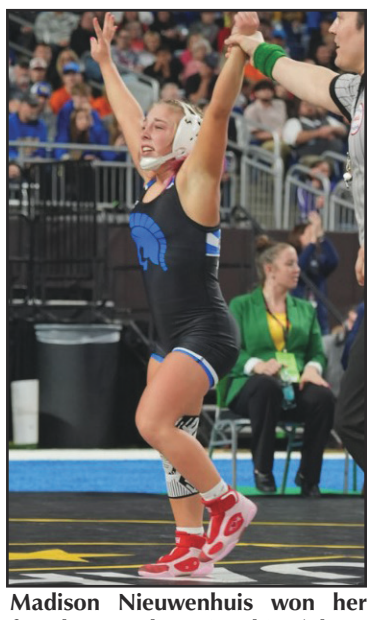
In the semifinals, she claimed a 6-0 decision over Ogemaw's Addison Wenkel.

"I'm super excited," Madison told MHSAA.com. "I've had this goal for, I don't even know how long it is, and it's finally come true. I've worked so hard, and I'm so happy right now. I'm super pleased with my performance.

"I wouldn't be able to do it without the Plainwell community. There's no one better than the Plainwell community. My parents have stuck by me and my brother. They're there every single step of the way. They've done so much for us. I wouldn't be able to do it without them."

The Nieuwenhuises and Cooper weren't the only Plainwell wrestlers to shine, as four others also earned All-State by placing in the top eight.

For the girls, Avery Lynch was third at 130 and Evangeline Coutu was sixth at 140. On the boys side, Grady Erlandson was fourth at 120 and Austin Gyorkos was eighth at 144.



Madison Nieuwenhuis won her fourth state championship. (Photo provided by the MHSAA)

Martin's Buell, Hamilton's Bryce Morrison earn titles

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

DETROIT—Martin senior Haylen Buell entered the Division 4 Individual Wrestling State Finals with his sighs set squarely on claiming his second state championship in three years.

Hamilton senior Bryce Morrison was hoping to complete an unbeaten season with a state title in Division 2.

Both were successful in their endeavors.

Buell bested Roscommon's Cael Tyler by a 14-9 decision in the D4 165-pound finals, while Morrison posted a 15-0 tech fall over Charlotte's Tyler Densmore in the finals of 150 pounds in D2.

Martin's Haylen Buell captured his second state title. (Photo provided)

Buell, who also won a state title as a sophomore, was state runner-up as both a freshman and a junior.

"After losing twice by pin, that was my first full Finals match of my career, it's either pin or get pinned," Buell told MHSAA.com. "It feels amazing. My gas tank's a little weak. I had the flu during team regionals, so I'm just trying to build it.

"I just had to keep control of the match. It didn't look like it, but I was getting to my shots and my ties when I needed to, and that's how I won that match."

Buell (55-1) took a 6-2 lead after one period, scoring two of his four takedowns.

"We watched a lot of film on him all week," Buell said of Tyler. "We even had a four-hour film session on Wednesday before we left. We knew almost everything that was coming. But we got it done, that's all that matters."

Morrison finished his senior season at 53-0. He earned seven points in the first period and eight in the first 1:08 of the second period to bring the match to an early end.

"This was just about the work I have put in all season," Morrison told MHSAA.com. "I couldn't have done it without my coaches. They pushed me every single day. It is just such a good feeling to have all that work pay off."

Morrison finished fifth as a sophomore and third as a junior.

Six of Buell's Martin teammates also finished in the top eight of their respective weight classes, garnering All-State honors. That included younger brother Zaiden Buell, a freshman who placed third at 120.

Adler Hofer (126) also had a third-place showing, while Urijah Joostberns was fourth at 132 and Peyton Schuring-Harris was fifth at 285. Jacinto Lopez (113) and Logan Curry (150) each placed sixth.

Morrison's younger brother Chase also earned All-State, doing so in D2 by placing third at 126. Competing in the Girls State Finals, Korra Kapenga placed sixth at 125 for the Hawkeyes.

"Weekends like this remind us how special this sport is," Hamilton coach Trenton Holyfield said. "The hard work, the support from teammates and the opportunity to compete at the highest level is what it's all about."

Otsego

The Bulldogs sent a seven-person contingent to Ford Field, three competing in the Division 2 Boys Finals and four competing in the Girls Finals.

Three of those earned All-State.

Senior Lane Blanchard led the charge for the Bulldogs, placing runner-up at 157. He dropped a 4-2 decision in the title match.

Teammate Ryder Balkema was fourth at 285, while Sammie Bonovetz was fourth at 135 in the

Allegan

A trio of Allegan seniors finished their prep careers on the podium at Ford Field.

Rysten Williams was third at 175, while Ryan Sparks was sixth at 157 and Treydan VanderKooi was eight at 150.

"These three Tigers each had outstanding careers, competing at the team State Finals two years in a row and competing in the Individual State Finals three years in a row," Allegan coach Chase Beard said.

All three reached 140 career victories this season. Williams finished with 181 wins, VanderKooi ended with 178 wins, and Sparks had 153 wins.

Wayland

Wayland sophomore Charity Laker stayed busy this winter, pulling double duty with wrestling and basketball.

The divided attention did nothing to hurt her on the mats, as she placed fourth at 145 pounds in the Girls Finals. That made her the first girl in Wayland history to earn a podium finish.

Bulldogs cruise in regional opener

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

OTSEGO—During the regular season, the Otsego girls basketball team beat Niles twice by an average score of 28.5 points.

History repeated itself when the teams met in a Division 2 regional semifinal hosted by the Bulldogs on Monday, March 9.

Using a stifling defensive effort that forced Niles into numerous turnovers, Otsego stormed out to a 16-7 lead after one quarter and never slowed down en route to the 70-39 win.

The victory earned Otsego a spot in a regional final against South Christian on Wednesday, March 11. The winner will advance to the state quarterfinals.

"Given how we did against (Niles) earlier this season, we were probably expected to win," Otsego coach Tony Koshar said. "But you never know what's going to happen until you actually play the game.

"So I'm really pleased with the way the girls came out and executed. We've been having slow starts recently, but tonight we came out and really set the tone. We thought our pressure game would bother them, and that's what happened."

The fact that the game was played on Otsego's home court was a bonus for Koshar and his players.

"It was awesome to be at home," Koshar said. "It was a great crowd tonight. And we shoot on these rims every day in practice, so there's some nice advantages to that."

Offensively, it was a balanced attack for the Bulldogs.

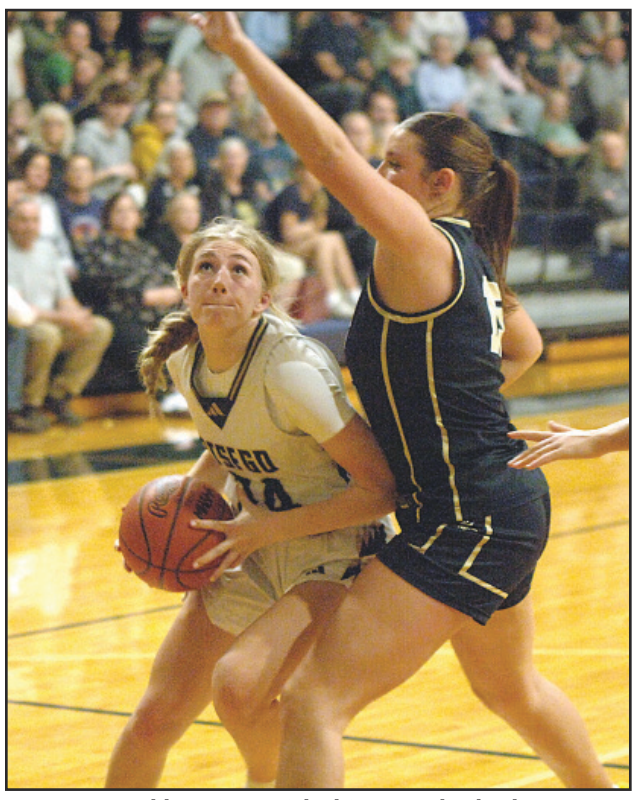
Audrey Lingbeek, the lone senior on the roster, racked up a game-best 16 points. That included four 3-pointers.

Brooke Smalldon was next with 12 points, while Kendall Hough and Mya Engbers each had eight points. Peyton Johnson and Hallie Prough added seven points each, with Olivia Hildebrand and Madden Fitzpatrick contributing six apiece.

"I know Brooke gets a lot of attention, and it's well deserved," Koshar said of Smalldon, the team's leading scorer for the season. "But we have a lot of weapons on this team and a lot of girls are capable of stepping up offensively. It's kind of a situation where you have to pick your poison a little bit."

The win put the Bulldogs one win away from a date with history.

"No Otsego girls team has ever won a regional title," Koshar said. "And we're going to have our hands full (in the regional finals). But we had to get to the finals first, and the girls did that. We're looking forward to the opportunity.



Otsego's Madden Fitzpatrick drives to the basket against Niles. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

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Madison and Dylan Nieuwenhuis
Plainwell
Wrestling

It was a heck of a day for the Nieuwenhuis siblings at the Michigan High School Athletic Association Wrestling State Finals.

Senior Madison won her fourth state championship in the Girls Finals, while sophomore Dylan won his first state title in the Division 2 Boys Finals.

The state championships came just minutes apart, with Madison winning hers first.

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Smalldon leads Otsego to comeback win over Hopkins

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

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HAMILTON—With the fate of the season hanging in the balance, someone had to step up for the Otsego girls basketball team.

Enter Brooke Smalldon.

After being held to four points through the first four quarters of play in a Division 2 district final on Friday, March 6, Smalldon scored the first eight points of the fourth quarter. That turned what had been a two-point deficit into a six-point lead for the Bulldogs.

Otsego ultimately won the game 45-37, winning the district championship and advancing to regional play.

"That was a hard-fought game," Otsego coach Tony Koshar said. "Hopkins was really good and they were ready for the challenge tonight. We've been fortunate to play in several district finals in my 14 years at Otsego. But it's not easy to get here and it's not easy to win a district title, so you never want to take that for granted."

Otsego's offense was a bit out of sorts for the first three quarters, failing to reach double figures in any of those stanzas.

That changed in the fourth quarter, though. And it was Smalldon who led the way.

After starting the quarter with a pair of free throws, Smalldon converted on three straight layups, two of them coming after steals.

The first of those layups up the Bulldogs up 28-26, marking their first lead since midway through the first quarter at 5-3.

"Brooke would probably be the first to tell you she struggled a little in the first half," Koshar said. "(Hopkins was) focusing on her, but she turned that game around (in the fourth quarter). She really took over and got to the rim a little bit, drew some fouls and finished.

"It was big for us."

Smalldon finished with a team-best 14 points.

Madden Fitzpatrick and Audrey Lingbeek added four points each in the final frame to finish with seven and 11 points, respectively.

Cora Hall paced Hopkins with 14 points, including a pair of 3-pointers. Kelsey Burgess added 11 points.

Hopkins went up 6-5 on a 3-pointer with about three minutes left in the opening quarter and ended the stanza up 10-7. The Vikings maintained the lead throughout the next two stanzas, as they led by as many as 11 points (20-9) in the second quarter before settling for a 22-15 halftime lead.

The lead was narrowed to 26-24 entering the fourth quarter, setting the stage for Smalldon and the Bulldogs.

"Hopkins really gave us a hard time and then we adjusted a little in the second half," Koshar said. "The girls played composed, and then we were able to put together that run to take control."

To reach the district final Otsego bested host Hamilton 45-38 in a district semifinal on Wednesday, March 4.

Otsego led throughout, but Hamilton used a 14-8 edge in the fourth quarter to keep it close.

Smalldon paced the Bulldogs with 13 points, followed by Mya Engbers and Lingbeek with eight each. Madden Fitzpatrick had eight rebounds.

Otsego's Brooke Smalldon drives to the basket in the fourth quarter of the Bulldogs' district win over Hopkins. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Hamilton's Leah Brink led all scorers with 14 points, with Brooke Petroelje going for 12.

Trailblazers secure third district title in four years

Saugatuck's Mylah Simpson keeps her eyes on the basket as teammate Charlee Gustafson sets a screen. (Photo by Scott Sullivan)

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SAUGATUCK—Winning a district championship.

That's good. Really good. But it could be better.

How about winning a district championship in comeback fashion?

That's getting closer … but still not quite good enough.

Winning a district championship in comeback fashion in front of the home crowd.

Yep, that's it. That's the scenario we've been looking for. And that's exactly what the Saugatuck girls basketball team did on Friday, March 6.

Trailing by eight points on more than one occasion in the second half of their Division 3 district title game against Calvin Christian, the Trailblazers held a 22-13 edge in the fourth quarter to secure the 63-56 win.

The district title was the second straight and the third in four years for Saugatuck and head coach Kevin Tringali.

"This is a moment they won't forget for the rest of their lives," Tringali said. "Not to win, but the way we won, and to do it in front of our community. That is the trifecta right there. I am just so proud of my kids."

Mylah Simpson was the star of the game for Saugatuck, scoring a game-high 27 points. That included 17 first-half points, helping the Trailblazers to a slim 29-28 lead at halftime.

But the Squires took control in the third quarter, opening the frame on a 15-6 run to go up 43-35.

Saugatuck responded by scoring the final six points of the stanza to narrow the gap to 43-41.

Midway through the final frame, Simpson buried a 3-pointer to give the Trailblazers the lead at 53-53. Penny Grob then knocked down a triple of her own on the next possession, solidifying Saugatuck's place in the driver's seat.

"That really was the turning point," Tringali said. "(Grob) did it right in front of us and I knew it was in right. And Mylah was so locked in for a game. Her focus, intensity and resilience were something I have never seen before.

"They took the 3-ball away from her and she just took it down Main Street."

Talia Laskowski finished with 15 points for Saugatuck to go with nine rebounds and five steals. She went 8-of-10 from the line in the fourth quarter to help seal the win.

Freshman Charlee Gustafson added eight points and 19 rebounds. Ada Roth finished with seven points and Grob had six.

"Charlee grew up big time," Tringali said. "She had composure and played like an upperclassman. She was in foul trouble all night but got huge rebounds with the game on the line. That is senior stuff. I am very proud of her."

Saugatuck earned its place in the district final with a 56-34 semifinal win over Black River in a game that featured far less drama.

The Trailblazers led 15-2 after one quarter and didn't slow down, going up 36-14 at halftime.

Simpson led a balanced attack with 16 points, followed by 14 from Laskowski and 12 from Grob. Roth added seven, with Claire Robb going for four and Gustafson chipping in with three.

Laskowski also had eight steals and five rebounds, both of which led the team. Her two blocks matched Jordan Sanders for team-high honors.

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Saugatuck's season ends with regional loss to Kent City

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

GRANDVILLE—It's been said that all things, no matter how good, must eventually come to an end.

For the Saugatuck girls basketball team, that end came in a Division 3 regional semifinal against Kent City on Monday, March 9.

Using a long-range attack that included 13 3-pointers, Kent City overcame a 20-8 deficit after one quarter to hand the Trailblazers the 72-67 loss.

Saugatuck senior Talia Laskowski prepares to shoot a free throw in the Trailblazers' regional game. (Photo by Scott Sullivan)

The defeat was just the second for Saugatuck (23-2) and snapped a 15-game winning streak.

"It's really tough because we had the pieces to go a little further," Saugatuck coach Kevin Tringali said. "It was a one-two possession game. That part is going to be tough because we thought we could win this region, but we gave it everything we had."

Senior Talia Laskowski led Saugatuck with 21 points. Fellow senior Penny Grob and junior Mylah Simpson added 16 points each.

Grob's point total included four 3-pointers.

Ada Roth, Jordan Sanders and Ashtyn O'Neill joined Laskowski and Grob in the senior group for Saugatuck.

"Our senior group is phenomenal," Tringali said. "I am going to remember how much this group cares about each other. The genuine love for one another made this team special. They gave me everything they had and helped bring our community together and our school."

Saugatuck built its early 20-8 lead thanks to triples from Grob and Roth. But the Eagles closed the second quarter on a 12-3 run, cutting their deficit to 33-26 at halftime.

A 3-point play from Simpson to open the third quarter pushed Saugatuck's lead back to double digits at 36-26, but the long-range attack from Kent City eventually gave the Eagles a 47-44 lead.

Another 3-point play from Simpson gave the Trailblazers a 50-49 lead, with Laskowski making it 51-49 on a free throw to close out the third stanza.

Grob kept the momentum going for Saugatuck to open the fourth frame, knocking down a pair of triples. But Kent City wouldn't be denied, pulling away for the win.

"It takes 32 minutes," Kent City coach Sonnie Male said. "This was the game that everything came together. We have a team that can shoot and they all came out shooting.

"Saugatuck has great guards and they take it to the rim, finish and get fouls, and dish it. We wanted to know where they were at all times—and they still played a great game—and I am proud of our girls for getting it done."

Trojans upend Three Rivers to claim district championship

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PLAINWELL—In its Division 2 district title game against Three Rivers on Friday, March 7, the host Plainwell girls basketball team had four players score between nine and 14 points.

That balanced offensive attack helped propel the Trojans to the 53-40 victory and a spot in the regional semifinals.

First-year Plainwell coach Elexis Buchanan had nothing but praise for her team.

"I am so beyond proud of the way the girls played their final home game," she said. "They showed heart and resilience, and I couldn't have asked for a better ending on the night.

"This is what we worked for. This is what we prayed for. All the long nights, the frustration, blood sweat and tears, tonight the girls learned why it was all worth it. "We speak life into the team, and have been preaching what being fearless looks like from the jump and the girls responded."

The district title simply added to what has already been an outstanding first season at the helm in Plainwell for Buchanan.

"As a first-year coach and staff, coming into a whole new environment where you know no one, and no one has any reason to believe in you, this has been surreal," she said. "To come out in the top three in conference play, have a winning percentage of .700+ and grasp a district championship, in year one, is crazy.

"All credit goes to God. This is just the beginning, and I pray we keep our focus, and ride this out as long as He allows."

Alyssa Weldon, who recently surpassed the 1,000-point mark in career scoring, with 14 points. Alayna Ranney and Anna Overway added 13 points each, while Tessie Kiel chipped in with nine.

Ranney hit a pair of 3-pointers as part of a seven-point first quarter to help stake the Trojans to a 16-10 lead.

Plainwell's advantage was 26-19 at halftime and remained at seven points—38-31—after three quarters.

But the fourth quarter saw the Trojans use a 15-9 advantage to pull away for the victory.

This was the third win for Plainwell (18-6) over Three Rivers this season, following regular-season victories of 48-30 and 68-47.

"I do want to wish Three Rivers the best," Buchanan said. "I know coming into a game fresh off of a tornado was nothing but nerve-racking, and those girls came out with fire in their hearts and gave it their all.

"Coach Morrison is an outstanding guy and deserves his flowers as well. He's building something special and I can't wait to see what he has up his sleeve for years to come."

Members of the Plainwell girls basketball team were all smiles after winning a Division 2 district title. (Photo provided)

Plainwell cheer team places sixth at Division 2 State Finals

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

MOUNT PLEASANT—The Plainwell competitive cheer team capped another strong season Saturday with a sixth-place finish at the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 2 State Finals at McGuirk Arena on the campus of Central Michigan University.

The Trojans totaled 767.52 points across the three rounds of competition, marking their third consecutive appearance at the state finals.

Plainwell posted a 231.90 in Round 1, followed by a 222.82 in Round 2 and 312.80 in Round 3 to secure sixth place among the eight teams competing in the finals.

The Trojans earned their spot in the state finals the previous week by placing fourth at the Division 2 regional at Forest Hills Northern High School, securing the final qualifying position in a tightly contested field.

Allen Park won the Division 2 state championship with a score of 790.40, followed closely by Gibraltar Carlson (790.08) and Carleton Airport (779.50).

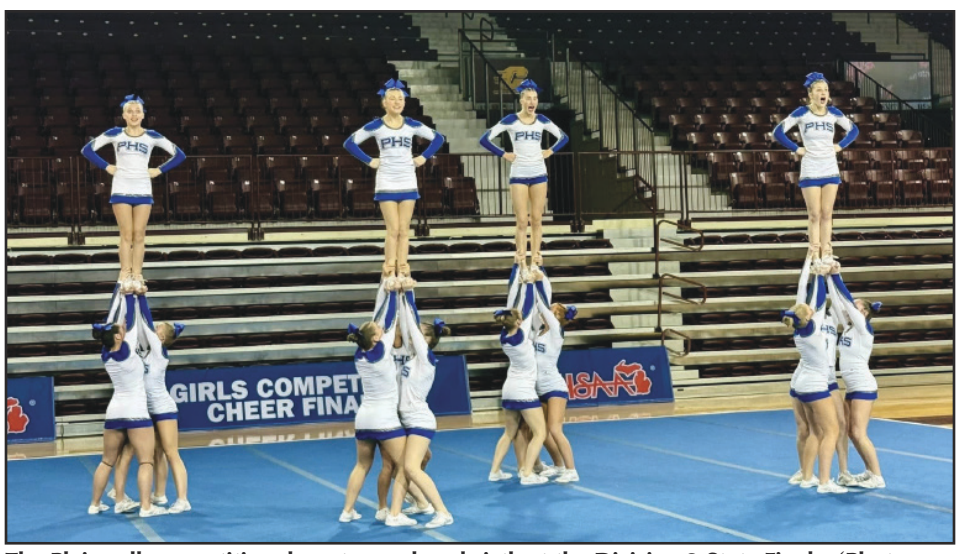
The state finals appearance capped an impressive season for the Trojans, who also claimed Wolverine Conference and district championships before advancing through the regional round.

Plainwell's run was led by a senior class that helped guide the program to continued success.

"The PHS Competitive Cheer team had an amazing competition today at CMU, marking their third consecutive appearance at the State Finals," the district said in a social media post. "Their season ended with an impressive sixth-place finish in Division 2."

The Trojans' roster featured 10 seniors, who played a key role in the team's strong finish and championship performances during the season.

"What a remarkable season it has been for the Competitive Cheer team, guided by ten exceptional senior Trojans," the district added.



The Plainwell competitive cheer team placed sixth at the Division 2 State Finals. (Photo provided)

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Matthew Eldean and Jami Eldean, husband and wife and Matthew Eldean, Trustee of the Matthew Eldean Trust Dated 12/19/2002

Original Mortgagee: Lake Michigan Credit Union

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: August 26, 2015

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 23, 2015

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $299,489.66

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Laketown, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: That part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 4 North, Range 16 West, Laketown Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 Corner of said Section 2; thence South 89 degrees 16 minutes 58 seconds East 2649.64 feet along the North line of said Southwest 1/4 to the Central 1/4 Corner of said Section 2; thence South 00 degrees 03 minutes 10 seconds West 805.00 feet along the East line of said Southwest 1/4 to the place of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 03 minutes 10 seconds West 366.34 feet along said East line; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 50 seconds West 578.31 feet; thence Northwesterly 67.99 feet along the arc of a 60.00 foot radius curve to the left, the chord of which bears North 34 degrees 18 minutes 26 seconds West 64.41 feet; thence Northwesterly 46.17 feet along the arc of a 50.00 foot radius curve to the right, the chord of which bears North 40 degrees 19 minutes 03 seconds West 44.54 feet; thence Northwesterly 34.55 feet along the arc of a 383.00 foot radius curve to the left, the chord of which bears North 16 degrees 27 minutes 04 seconds West 34.54 feet; thence North 69 degrees 24 minutes 38 seconds East 698.15 feet to the place of beginning, Laketown Township, Allegan County, Michigan.

Common street address (if any): 4657 Arbor Trl, Holland, MI 49423-8901

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 49c of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1449c, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on April 02, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Danny Creswell, unmarried man Original Mortgagee: Union Home Mortgage Corp. Date of mortgage: January 24, 2024 Recorded on February 16, 2024, Liber 4921, on Page 75, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Michigan State Housing Development Authority Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Three and 00/100 Dollars ($155,933.00) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Lot 717, The Original Plat of the Village (now City) of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 7 of Plats, Page 344, Allegan County Records. Commonly known as 207 Cherry St, Allegan, MI 49010 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 125.1449v, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 125.1449v(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Michigan State Housing Development Authority Mortgagee/ Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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(02-26)(03-26)

CHESHIRE TOWNSHIP

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

2026-2030 EAGLE LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2026-2030 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL AT MARCH 26, 2026 RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING
(RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH 17, 2026)

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE EAGLE LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ENCOMPASSING ALL LANDS ABUTTING EAGLE LAKE OR HAVING DEEDED ACESS TO EAGLE LAKE IN CHESHIRE TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN; AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Supervisor/ Assessing Officer of Cheshire Township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a proposed 2026-2030 special assessment roll/ special assessment column in the regular tax roll pertaining to the Eagle Lake Improvement Special Assessment District prepared pursuant to the Resolution Approving Plans and Cost Estimates for 2026-2030 Improvement Project adopted by the Township Board at the February 17, 2026 meeting following the public hearing held at that meeting on the proposed plans and costs.

The proposed special assessment roll prepared pursuant to the February 17, 2026 Township Board Resolution proposes to allocate the costs of an aquatic vegetation control project for 2026-2030 in the approximate total amount of $96,793 over the five-year project to the various lots and parcels within the Special Assessment District pursuant to a benefit factor of 1.0 for each lot/parcel abutting Eagle Lake, and a benefit factor of 0.5 for each lot/parcel with deeded access to Eagle Lake. The proposed costs for the project include a 5% contingency and administrative and legal expenses incurred by the Township in connection with the special assessment process.

A public hearing on any objections to the proposed 2026-2030 special assessment roll as prepared by the Assessor pursuant to Township Board direction in the Resolution adopted at the February 17, 2026 meeting, and as may be revised by the Township Board as discussed below, will be held at the Cheshire Township Hall at 471 41st Street, just north of 104th Avenue in Cheshire Township, Michigan, on **March 26, 2026,** in conjunction with a rescheduled regular meeting of the Township Board (rescheduled from March 17) beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Subsequent to the February 17, 2026 Township Board meeting the Township Clerk and Township Attorney conducted a detailed review of the status of the Eagle Lake SAD accounting fund, in anticipation of closing-out the accounting for the 2021-2025 project after collecting the special assessment revenues for the last year of that project, and determined that by mid-year 2026 that accounting fund will have an accumulated net surplus of approximately $41,750 from the 2021-2025 project and all prior 5-year Eagle Lake improvement projects going back to 2006. The Township Board may choose to apply this entire anticipated accumulated surplus towards the costs and expenses of the 2026-2030 improvement project and therefore reduce the new revenue necessary to cover the above-estimated costs/expenses of the 2026-2030 project from approximately $96,793 to approximately $55,043.

The Township Board will therefore consider at the March 26, 2026 meeting the proposed 5-year special assessment roll for the 2026-2030 project prepared by the Assessor in response to the direction of the Township Board in the Resolution adopted at the February 17, 2026 meeting, and will also consider at the March 26, 2026 meeting revising that proposed special assessment roll so as to levy no special assessments for the last two years of the 5-year special assessment roll for the 2026-2030 project.

If the Township Board approves the original proposed special assessment roll prepared by the Assessor pursuant to the Board direction in the Resolution adopted at the February 17, 2026 meeting, the resulting total amount of approximately $96,793 will be specially assessed against each lot/ parcel of land within the Eagle Lake Improvement Special Assessment District as follows:

- $1,290.58 for each lot/parcel abutting Eagle Lake in Cheshire Township (with all contiguous lots/parcels in the same ownership specially assessed as one benefit unit), levied and payable in five equal annual installments of $258.12 in each of years 2026-2030.

- $645.29 for each lot/parcel with deeded access to Eagle Lake in Cheshire Township (with all contiguous lots/parcels in the same ownership specially assessed as one benefit unit), levied and payable in five equal annual installments of $129.06 in each of years 2026-2030.

If the Township Board approves a revised proposed special assessment roll as indicated above, the resulting total amount of approximately $55,043 will be specially assessed against each lot/ parcel of land within the Eagle Lake Improvement Special Assessment District as follows:

- $733.91 for each lot/parcel abutting Eagle Lake in Cheshire Township (with all contiguous lots/parcels in the same ownership specially assessed as one benefit unit), levied and payable in three equal annual installments of $244.63 in each of years 2026-2028; and a special assessment of $0.00 on each such lot/ parcel in both of years 2029 and 2030.

- $366.95 for each lot/parcel with deeded access to Eagle Lake in Cheshire Township (with all contiguous lots/parcels in the same ownership specially assessed as one-half benefit unit), levied and payable in three equal annual installments of $122.32 in each of years 2026-2028; and a special assessment of $0.00 on each such lot/parcel in both of years 2029 and 2030.

If the Township Board approves a 2026-2030 special assessment roll at the March 26, 2026 meeting, whether as originally prepared, or as revised, the annual special assessments are subject to a redetermination by the Township Board on a yearly basis as may be necessary to account for the actual incurred costs and any relevant legal/administrative expenses, as compared to the estimated costs and expenses (and, if applicable, to account for the actual surplus from the improvement projects in prior years, as compared to the presently anticipated surplus). Unpaid special assessments will be subject to interest at a rate to be determined by the Township Board but not exceeding 8.0% per annum.

The proposed 2026-2030 special assessment roll, and the project plans, estimate of costs, the boundaries of the Eagle Lake Improvement Special Assessment District, and the Resolution of the Township Board adopted at the February 17, 2026 meeting directing the Supervisor/Assessing Officer of the Township to make the proposed Special Assessment Roll, may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk and may further be examined at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT APPEARANCE AND PROTEST AT THIS HEARING IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE AMOUNT OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO THE STATE TAX TRIBUNAL. AN OWNER OR PARTY IN INTEREST OR HIS OR HER AGENT MAY APPEAR IN PERSON AT THIS HEARING TO PROTEST A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT, OR MAY FILE AN APPEARANCE OR PROTEST BY LETTER WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE HEARING OR WITHIN SUCH FURTHER TIME AS THE TOWNSHIP BOARD MAY GRANT, IF ANY, AND IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES A PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT THE HEARING SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED. THE OWNER OR ANY PERSON HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY WHO PROTESTS IN PERSON OR IN WRITING AS PROVIDED ABOVE MAY FILE A WRITTEN APPEAL OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WITH THE STATE TAX TRIBUNAL WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVY OR WITHIN SUCH OTHER TIME AS MAY BE ALLOWED BY LAW.

The foregoing hearings and all proceedings associated with these special assessment matters will be conducted in accordance with and pursuant to 1954 PA 188, as amended, the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and any other applicable law.

Cheshire Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the meeting/hearing to individuals with disabilities, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered, upon reasonable notice to the Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk as designated below.

Jodi Pinnell, Clerk
Cheshire Township
1061 37th Street
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 521-3440

Public Notices

STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Allegan COUNTY
SUMMONs
CASE NUMBER 26-71681-CH
Court address 113 Chestnut St., Allegan, MI 43010
Court telephone number 269-673-0400
Plaintiff's name, address, and telephone number
Joseph Watson
535 W. Franklin
Otsego, Mi 49080
Plaintiff's attorney bar number, address, and telephone number
Michael J. Becker; Orton Tooman PC P81132
314 Trowbridge St.
Allegan, MI 49010
269-673-2136
v
Defendant's name, address, and telephone number
The Estate of Richard Irving Horrocks; and each of his unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assigns.
Civil Case
VI There is no other pending or resolved civil action arising out of the same transaction ocr occurrence as alleged in the complaint.
SUMMONS
NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: In the name of the people of the State of Michigan you are notifed:
1. You are being sued.
2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this summons and a copy of the complaint to file a written answer with the court and serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action with the court (28 days if you were,served by mail or you were served outside of Michigan).
3. If you do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demandedin the complaint.
4. If you require accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements.
Issue date: 02/13/26 experation date: 05/14/26

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
COUNTY BUILDING, ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN 49010
File No.: 26- 71681 -cH
HOn. Emily W. Jipp P-808
JOSEPH WATSON
Plaintiff
Vs
The ESTATE of RICHARD IRVING HORROCKS; and each of his unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assigns, and
Defendants
Michael J. Becker P81132
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, McKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
314 Trowbridge St., PO Box 239
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-2136
ORDER FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
At a session of court held in the courthouse in Allegan County, Michigan, on 2/19/2026
Present: Honorable Matthew Antkoviak, Circuit Court Judge
Plaintiff filed a verified ex parte motion for service of process in the discretion of the court. After reading the verified motion, the court finds that Plaintiff has shown that service of process cannot reasonably be made on Defendants by the methods provided in MCR 2.105(A), in that Plaintiff has demonstrated diligent attempts to locate Defendants. The court further finds, pursuant to MCR 2.105(I), that service of process by publication is the best available method of service of process reasonably calculated to give Defendants actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.
IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiffs must serve the Defendants by publication for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper located in Allegan County, Michigan. Further, that Plaintiff shall attempt service by certified mail to Richard Horrocks niece Susan E. Siwek at 650 Heritage Lane, Rochester Hills, Michigan.
Hon. Emily W. Jipp P-80894
2-26 3-12

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on April 2, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Kendra Snyder and Kevin Snyder, wife and husband as joint tenants
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nexus Nova LLC
Date of Mortgage: September 20, 2021
Date of Mortgage Recording: October 4, 2021
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $116,010.95
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 20 and 21 EX W 180 ft of Lot 21 also S 1/2 Lots 24 and 25 EX E 200 ft of Lots 20 and 24 Lowe's 2nd Divisional Map.
Common street address (if any): 621 Grand St, Allegan, MI 49010-9060
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: March 5, 2026
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(03-05)(03-26)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, on April 16, 2026. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Jacob P. Fitts to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC dated October 20, 2016 and recorded October 28, 2016 in Liber 4081 at Page 376, Allegan County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank National Association by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $13,283.80. Said premises are located in Allegan County, Michigan and are described as: For APN/Parcel ID(s): 03-51-270-006-00 Land Situated in the State of Michigan, County of Allegan, City of Allegan Lot 6, 7 and 8 in Railroad Addition to the Village (now City) of Allegan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 3 of plats, Page 21, Allegan County Records Said property is commonly known as 138 Ida St, Allegan, MI 49010. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: February 24, 2026 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 26-01439
(02-26)(03-19)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on April 02, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may

PUBLIC NOTICE
GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The Gun Plain Charter Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 191 on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the regular Township Board meeting. The proposed ordinance was adopted at regulating the discharge of firearms within the Township.

Ordinance No. 191 includes provisions to:
- Regulate or prohibit firearm discharge in residential, commercial, and certain rural areas.
- Establish restricted zones and safety distances near buildings, schools, roads, and Township property.
- Set construction standards and usage times for private shooting ranges.
- Define violations as municipal civil infractions with associated fines and penalties.

A complete copy of the proposed ordinance is available for review at the Township Hall during regular business hours or online at www.gunplain.org.

Effective date
This ordinance takes effect 7 days following publication of notice of its adoption pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repe aled.

GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
381 8th Street, P.O. Box 146
Plainwell, Michigan 49080
Phone 269-685-9471/Fax 269-685-5169

MICHAEL VANDENBERG, SUPERVISOR
GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE
OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
CITY OF ALLEGAN
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CITY OF ALLEGAN, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following is a sample of Ordinance 536, which was adopted by the Allegan City Council at a regular meeting held March 9, 2026.

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PARCEL 03-51-251-041-00 FROM TN-2 TRANSITIONAL RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT TO PUD PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of the City of Allegan Ordinance 536 is available at City Hall, 231 Trowbridge St, during normal business hours, or upon request form the Allegan City Clerk.

Carol Canales,
Deputy Clerk
City of Allegan
231 Trowbridge St
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-5511

PUBLIC NOTICE
GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The Gun Plain Charter Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 192 on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the regular Township Board meeting. The proposed ordinance would adopt a Moratorium on considering applications for data centers.

Ordinance No. 192 Moratorium would put a temporary moratorium in effect until August 31, 2026 or until the effective date of any amended or new Township Ordinance or regulations addressing data centers are effective, whichever date occurs first.

A complete copy of the proposed ordinance is available for review at the Township Hall during regular business hours or online at www.gunplain.org.

Effective date
This ordinance takes effect upon publication after adoption pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that written comments will be received from any interested person at the Township Office, 381 8th St., P.O. Box 146, Plainwell, Michigan 49080, up to and including the date of the public hearing and may also be submitted to the Township Board at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Gun Plain Charter Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon seven (7) days written notice to the Township Clerk at 381 8th Street, P.O. Box 146, Plainwell, Michigan 49080 or by Phone 269-685-9471 or Fax 269-685-5169.

GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
381 8th Street, P.O. Box 146
Plainwell, Michigan 49080
Phone 269-685-9471/Fax 269-685-5169

MICHAEL VANDENBERG, SUPERVISOR
GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE
OFFICE OF THE ALLEGAN COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER
NOTICE OF FILING AN ORDER LAYING OUT AND DESIGNATING A DRAINAGE DISTRICT

BLUE STAR HIGHWAY DRAIN

Notice is Hereby Given, that the Allegan County Drain Commissioner, filed an Order Laying Out and Designating a Drainage District, for the Blue Star Highway Drain, according to Chapter 3 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended.

The route and course of the proposed Drain is described as follows:

All of the drainage facilities (including open drain and culverts while excluding underdrain and sump lines) as described more specifically as follows: open drain and culverts along Blue Star Highway between approximately 875 feet south of Old Allegan Road intersection and approximately 2,300 feet north of Old Allegan Road intersection. Also including the open drain between the east side of North Maple Street approximately 775 feet north of the Old Allegan Road intersection and west of Blue Star Highway approximately 675 feet north of the Old Allegan Road intersection.

The lands comprised within the Drainage District are described as follows:

All lands, generally described as follows in Saugatuck Township, Allegan County, Michigan:
Land generally within the south half of the northwest quarter of Section 10, the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 10, the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 10, and the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 10, including entire and portions of unplatted parcels and portions of platted parcels of Gaslight Estates and Brookwood Estates plats.

OVERISEL TOWNSHIP
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF OVERISEL TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following is a summary of Ordinances No. 2026-01 and 2026-02 which were adopted by the Overisel Township Board at a meeting on March 2, 2026.

ORDINANCE 2026.01- TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON LARGE RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES

SECTION I. FINDINGS-. This section includes findings of the Board to support the emergency adoption of a temporary moratorium on large renewable energy projects/facilities in the Township.

SECTION II MORATORIUM/TERM OF MORATORIUM. This section adopts a temporary moratorium

on large renewable energy projects/facilities and sets the term of the moratorium.

SECTION III EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM. This section allows the Board to extend the moratorium by resolution.

SECTION IV SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

SECTION V REPEAL. This section provides for repeal of any conflicting ordinances.

SECTION VI EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication.

ORDINANCE _2026-02- TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS

SECTION I. FINDINGS. This section includes findings of the Board to support the emergency adoption of a limited moratorium on large renewable energy projects/facilities in the Township.

SECTION II MORATORIUM/TERM OF MORATORIUM. This section adopts a limited moratorium on large renewable energy projects/facilities and sets the term of the moratorium.

SECTION III EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM. This section allows the Board to extend the moratorium by resolution.

SECTION IV SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

SECTION V REPEAL. This section provides for repeal of any conflicting ordinances.

SECTION VI EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of the Ordinance has been posted in the Office of the Overisel Township Clerk at the address below and that a copy of the Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Township Clerk's office during regular business hours of regular working days following the date of this publication.

OVERISEL TOWNSHIP
Lori Scholten, Clerk
A-4307 144th Ave., Holland, MI 49423
269-751-7030

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be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Randy K. Kling, a single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: November 16, 2017 Recorded on November 27, 2017, Liber 4198, on Page 942, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Eighteen and 61/100 Dollars ($167,718.61) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: COMMENCING AT THE EAST 1/4 POST OF SECTION 31, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST ON THE EAST AND WEST 1/4 LINE 1775.06 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 89 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST 289 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 3 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION, 630 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST 289 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 3 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST 630 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; EXCEPTING THE WEST 50 FEET OF THE SOUTH 150 FEET OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL. ALSO THE EAST 170 FEET OF: COMMENCING ON THE EAST AND WEST 1/4 LINE, 350 FEET EAST OF THE CENTER OF SECTION 31, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE EAST ON THE 1/4 LINE 420 FEET; THENCE SOUTH TO LITTLEJOHN LAKE; THENCE WESTERLY AND SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG LITTLEJOHN LAKE TO A POINT 350 FEET EAST OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE; THENCE NORTH TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT ANY PORTION OF ABOVE DESCRIBED LEGAL THAT LIES WITHIN LOT 1 OF JAY MARSHALL`S LITTLEJOHN LAKE SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN LIBER 7 OF PLATS, PAGE 8. Commonly known as 3459 113th Ave, Allegan, MI 49010 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. Mortgagee/ Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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(02-26)(03-19)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on April 2, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Cheyenne A. Hewlett and Morgan Hewlett, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/ or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m Nationstar Mortgage LLC

Date of Mortgage: October 21, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 26, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $447,522.80

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Heath, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: That part of the Northwest Fractional 1/4 of Section 6, Town 3 North, Range 14 West, Heath Township Allegan County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 6; thence on the North line of the Northwest Fractional 1/4 of Section 6, North 89 degrees 53 minutes 21 seconds West 50.24 feet to the South 1/4 corner of Section 31, Town 4 North Range 14 West; thence continuing on said North line North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 487.00 feet to the Westerly line of the C.S.X Transportation, Inc. property (formerly known as the Pere Marquette Railroad Right of Way); thence on said Westerly line South 28 degrees 36 minutes 48 seconds East 327.5 feet to the point of beginning of the description of this Parcel; thence proceeding on said Westerly line, South 28 degrees 36 minutes 48 minutes East 299.40 feet; thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes 28 seconds West 223.08 feet to a point of being 326.33 feet Northeasterly as measured perpendicularly from the centerline of Highway M-40 (formerly known as Beeline Road); thence on a line parallel with said highway, North 38 degrees 33 minutes 57 seconds West 197.45 feet to a point of being South 38 degrees 33 minutes 57 seconds East 509.18 feet (previously described as 515.50 feet) from the North line of the Northwest Fractional 1/4 of Section 6; thence on a line perpendicular to the Westerly line of C.S.X Transportation, Inc. property North 61 degrees 23 minutes 12 seconds East 231.00 feet (previously described as Northeasterly 231 feet) to the point of beginning.

TOGETHER WITH a non-exclusive easement as created, limited and define by that instrument recorded in Liber 2476, Page 354.

Common street address (if any): 3580 Trackside Dr, Hamilton, MI 49419-9029

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: March 5, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE SALE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rayheim R. Robinson, single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Hancock Mortgage Partners, LLC dated September 29, 2022 and recorded September 30, 2022 in Instrument Number 2022008529 St. Joseph County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Planet Home Lending, LLC by assignment. In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and Declaratory Relief entered for Plaintiff, Planet Home Lending, LLC against Defendant, Rayheim R. Robinson in Case No. 25-375-CH of St. Joseph County Circuit Court, the below premises shall be foreclosed and sold by public auction. Said Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and Declaratory Relief was entered on the 16th day of January, 2026, wherein there is claimed to be due on said date the sum of One Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Seventy Cents ($171,349.70), plus sums advanced for taxes, insurance and other fees incurred and allowed by said mortgage. Under the Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and Declaratory Relief and related statutes, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgage premises pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and Declaratory Relief and that the sale shall be at public auction to the highest bidder, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within St. Joseph County, on the 30th day of April, 2026 at 10:00 AM, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz: All certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Village of White Pigeon, County of St. Joseph and State of Michigan, described as follows: PARCEL 1: THAT PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 12 WEST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF CHICAGO STREET 10 FEET WESTERLY OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 34 OF THE VILLAGE OF WHITE PIGEON, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, MICHIGAN, IN LIBER A OF DEEDS, PAGE 16; THENCE WESTERLY ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF CHICAGO STREET 96.4 FEET; THENCE NORTH 160 FEET; THENCE NORTH 86° EAST TO A POINT 10 FEET, ON SAID LINE, FROM THE WESTERLY LINE OF LOT 33 OF SAID PLAT; THENCE SOUTH 04° EAST 159.55 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TAX ID# 75-045-777-007-01 PARCEL 2: LOT 33 OF THE VILLAGE OF WHITE PIGEON, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, MICHIGAN, IN LIBER A OF DEEDS, PAGES 15 AND 16. ASLO, COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 33, THENCE WESTERLY ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 33 EXTENDED, 10 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY, PARALLEL WITH THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 33 TO NORTHERLY LINE OF LOT 33 EXTENDED; THENCE EASTERLY TO NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 33; THENCE SOUTHERLY ON WESTERLY LINE OF LOT 33 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING DESCRIBED ON THE COUNTY TAX ROLL AS: LOT 33, ALSO STRIP 10 WIDE ADJOINING LOT 33 ON WEST SIDE, ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF WHITE PIGEON. TAX ID # 75-045-200-037-00 Commonly Known As: 300 W Chicago Road, White Pigeon, MI, 49099 and 207 N Melody Street, White Pigeon, Michigan 49099 Tax ID: 75 045 777 007 01 and 75 045 200 037 00 This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale. Dated: February 27, 2026 Orlans Law Group PLLC /s/Sogol I. Plagany Attorneys for Plaintiff Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084 Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400 File No. 25-006493

(03-06)(04-10)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on April 2, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Kendra Snyder and Kevin Snyder, wife and husband as joint tenants

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/ or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nexus Nova LLC

Date of Mortgage: September 20, 2021

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 4, 2021

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $116,010.95

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 20 and 21 EX W 180 ft of Lot 21 also S 1/2 Lots 24 and 25 EX E 200 ft of Lots 20 and 24 Lowe's 2nd Divisional Map.

Common street address (if any): 621 Grand St, Allegan, MI 49010-9060

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: March 5, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(03-05)(03-26)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 26-66115 and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

Estate of David Erwin Knoth Date of Birth:*/(-5-1971

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, XXX, died 2-5-2026 .

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ellen Perez, personal representative, or to both the probate court at and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

3-9-2026

Ellen Perez

STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Allegan COUNTY
SUMMONS
CASE NUMBER 26-71727-CH
Emily W. Jipp P-80894

Plaintiff's name, address, and telephone number

Lona Sliter and Fred Sliter

Plaintiff's attorney bar number, address, and telephone number

Michael J. Becker; Orton Tooman PC P81132

314 Trowbridge St.

Allegan, MI 49010

269-673-2136

v

Defendant's name, address, and telephone number

PATRICIA CARPENTER; and LEON CARPENTER, each of his unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assigns

5221 Carolina St.

Merrillville, IN 46410

Civil Case

There is no other pending or resolved civil action arising out of the same transaction or occurrence as alleged in the complaint.

SUMMONS

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: In the name of the people of the State of Michigan you are notified:

1. You are being sued.

2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this summons and a copy of the complaint to file a written answer with the court and serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action with the court (28 days if you were served by mail or you were served outside of Michigan).

3. if you do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

4. If you require accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements.

Issue date: 02/24/25

Expiration date: 05/25/26

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
COUNTY BUILDING,
ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN 49010
File no: 26-71727-CH
Hon. Emily W. Jipp P-80894
LONA SLITER and FRED SLITER
Plaintiffs
Vs
PATRICIA CARPENTER: and

NOTICE

To: The residents and property owners of the Township of Manlius, Allegan County, Michigan and any other interested persons.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals of Manlius Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 23, 2026 commencing at 5:30 P.M. at the Manlius Township Hall located at 3134 57 th ST, Fennville MI

Matter(s) to be discussed:

Variance to Article VII, Section 1.0704.1 and 1.0704.2, R-1 Minimum lot size and for one lot minimum lot width, Manlius Township Ordinance.

The property number is 03 14 -034 030 01, Manlius Township, Allegan County, Michigan.

Property is located at 5233 124 th Fennville, currently owned by VR Ventures.

2) Such other matters as may properly come before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals reserves the right to amend requested variance(s).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the General Development Master Plan and Manlius Zoning Ordinance are available for public examination at the Manlius Township Hall, located at 3134 57th St, Fennville Michigan 49408 up to and including the date of the public hearing, and may also be examined at the public hearing. Further, written comments will be received from any interested persons at the offices of the Township Hall up to and including the date of the public hearing, must be received at Township before said hearing time, and may also be submitted to the Zoning Board of Appeals, at said public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Manlius Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) days written notice to the Township Clerk, Matt Rooks 3134 57th Street, Fennville Mi 49408-9470 or by telephoning him at 269-561-8855.

Manlius Township Clerk
Matt Rooks

TOWNSHIP OF VALLEY

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF OBLIGATION TO CUT WEEDS

TO: The residents and property owners of the Township of Valley, Allegan County, Michigan and any other interested persons.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with Michigan Public Act 359 of 1941, as amended, and Township Ordinance No. 237, it shall be the duty of the owners of land within 50 feet of a dwelling unit to ensure that weeds and grass are cut to a height of not more than 12" by no later than May 1st of 2026 and must remain cut throughout the balance of said year by the owner or tenant in charge of the premises. Please take further notice that the 12-inch height limitation does not apply to naturally wooded lots or in the same general character as that of the neighboring properties. In default thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township of Valley may enter the premises and cut the same as frequently as necessary during 2026 to comply with the foregoing regulations and may charge the cost thereof against the property owner and for collection may place the amount upon the next tax roll of the Township as a tax lien against the offending premises.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any owner in default of the foregoing obligation to cut shall also be subject to a civil fine of up to $500 for each violation. Such cutting obligation shall not apply to parcels or lots that are naturally wooded and have plant growth consistent with the general character of plant growth and landscaping in the surrounding neighborhood in which such parcels or lots are located, if any.

This notice is published in accordance with said Public Act and Ordinance by order of the Valley Township Board.

VALLEY TOWNSHIP
Brandee Ellis, Clerk
2054 N. M-40
Allegan, MI 49010
269-673-5962
www.valleytwp.org

NOTICE

Please notice: Martin Township Board will be conducting scheduled interviews for the Township Treasury position on March 19, 2026 starting at 5:30pm.

HELP WANTED

Allegan Township is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant. The position will require office hours of Monday-Thursday, 9am-1pm and four Saturdays during the year. The candidate should be professional in manner that works well with the public and a problem solver with proficiency in communication and computer skills. Basic understanding of clerical procedures such as typing, record keeping and filing are necessary. Interested candidates should possess organizational skills and have attention to detail.

Interested candidates may submit a letter of interest and resume to Allegan Township, 3037 118th Ave., Allegan, Michigan 49010

Posting by:
Michelle Waite
Allegan Township Clerk

NOTICE

Cheshire Township is seeking a qualified and dedicated professional to serve as Supervisor until the November General Election due to an upcoming vacancy. The ideal candidate will bring a commitment to public service.

The Supervisor is responsible for a wide range of tasks requiring accuracy, confidentiality, and discretion. Statutory Duties may include:

- Moderates board and annual meetings
- Secretary to board of review
- Township's legal agent
- Must maintain records of supervisor's office
- May call special meetings

Applicants must be legal voters of Cheshire Township and have been a resident of the township for at least one year. They must also run in the August 2026 election.

We are looking for a proactive, detail-oriented professional who values meaningful community engagement. If you are passionate about serving the residents of Cheshire Township, we encourage you to apply!

Consumers Energy Foundation Put Your Town on the Map competition opens

By Gari Voss

The Consumers Energy Foundation is open for 2026 entries in its annual Put Your Town on the Map pitch competition. The Foundation recognizes that there are unique challenges many local communities face when planning improvements. The competition offers $50,000 in grant funding to support projects that strengthen local economies, build pride, and help communities grow in ways that matter most to residents. Communities with up to 10,000 residents can submit proposals through March 20, 2026.

"Michigan's small towns work hard to make every dollar count, especially as they balance essential services, longterm planning, and affordability for residents," said Brandon Hofmeister, president of the Consumers Energy Foundation. "By investing directly in these communities, we're helping local leaders move important projects forward without diverting limited funds from other critical needs. This competition is one way we create value for the communities and customers we serve by ensuring small towns can grow, attract new opportunities, and remain vibrant places to live."

The Put Your Town on the Map competition supports innovative, locally driven ideas that reflect what each community values. Projects have included revitalizing downtown spaces, expanding housing or education opportunities, and creating places that bring people together to celebrate local identity. Community leaders can learn more and apply at https://cedamichigan.org/rpm/conference-rpm/.

In partnership with the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), the Consumers Energy Foundation will select 10 finalist communities to present their ideas in the Pitch Competition at the Small Town and Rural Development Conference on June 1-3, 2026, at Crystal Mountain Resort. The top three projects will receive grants of $25,000, $15,000, and $10,000 respectively.

Since launching the competition in 2019, the Consumers Energy Foundation has supported more than a dozen communitydriven projects across Michigan. Allegan County has been the recipient of these funds as seen by the $15,000 Watson Township was awarded to support Seven Generations Park, a collaboration involving the Anishinaabe (Gun Lake Tribe), Martin High School, and the township, by featuring a natural area and veterans memorial. Fennville was awarded $25,000 to install bilingual wayfinding signs.

Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

This week's question: What is your best remembered animal pet disaster story from when you were growing up?

-Woman near the Fennville hardware store: "When I was about 9, a mother raccoon was killed out on the road, and I could hear the young ones crying for her. I found just one and brought it home and raised it. My mom was furious, but she let me keep her, and Bobbie was with me for several years until she ran off. After a while, Mother got fond of her, so it was okay in the end."

-Man, same location: "You remember those advertisements on how you could raise sea horses? They were in the back of outdoor magazines. Well, I sent away for some, and weeks later they came. I did everything right, and the eggs hatched. They weren't real seahorses, but shrimp. What a rip-off!"

-Man, same location: One year I found this rubber snaked that looked like a blue racer. Well, I brought it in the house and said I found a snake. My sister was hysterical so Mother made me take it back outside. So, I put it in my pocket and stopped in the bathroom and flushed. When I didn't go outside Mother asked how come, and I fibbed and I said I flushed it. My sister wouldn't use the downstairs john for weeks."

-Woman in front of the Allegan Public Library: "I had a parakeet for a few years, and it would ride around on top of my head. His name was Petey. The only problem was he lifted his tail, if you know what I mean, while he was there."

-Couple near the Huntington Bank; Woman: "When we first got married we thought we could make some money from raising and breeding finches. Turned out that no one wanted them." Man: "Yeah, back when I was growing up I had a pet turtle from the 5 and 10. It got lose in the house. That was the end of him. Dad said no more turtles."

-Man near A-Tech: "I bet you never saw this, but my dad gave me an Uncle Milton Ant Farm. It's sand between two plastic sheets of clear plastic, so you could watch them tunnel around. When it got warm, we ordered the ants. First batch were dead, so we did it a second time and we got them in their farm. Well, I guess that cat knocked it over and the ants escaped into the house. My sister was pretty [irritated] with me."

Public Notices

LEON CARPENTER, each of his unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assigns,
Defendants
Michael J. Becker P81132
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, McKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
314 Trowbridge St., PO Box 239
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-2136
ORDER FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
At a session of court held in the courthouse in Allegan County, Michigan, on 2/27/2026
Present: Honorable Emily W. Jipp, Circuit Court Judge
Plaintiffs filed a verified ex parte motion for service of process in the discretion of the court. After reading the verified motion, the court finds that Plaintiffs have shown that service of process cannot reasonably be made on Defendant Leon Carpenter, each of his unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assigns by the methods provided in MCR 2.105(A), in that Plaintiff has demonstrated diligent attempts to locate Defendant. The court further finds, pursuant to MCR 2.105(I), that service of process by publication is the best available method of service of process reasonably calculated to give Defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.
IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiffs must serve the Defendant Leon Carpenter, each of his unknown Heirs, Devisees, and Assigns by publication for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper located in Allegan County, Michigan.
Hon. Emily W. Jipp P-80894
3-12 3-26

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65772-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Castrenze Amato Date of Birth:*11/11/1940
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Castrenze Amato, died 07/15/2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Anthony Amato and Kathy D'Angelo , personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
03/04/2026
James L. Koetje, Attorney for Anthony Amato P32089
4095 Chicago Drive, SW, Ste. 105
Grandville, MI 49418
616-534-9637
Anthony Amato,
2641 Glen Hollow Ct,
Caledonia, MI 49316
Kathy D'Angelo,
4251 22nd St,
Dorr, MI 49323
616-889-6973 Anthony
616-856-8000 Kathy

STATE OF MICHIGAN
45TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
PUBLICATION OF HEARING
CASE NO. 2026 0000000048-NA
PETITION NO. 2026-2600004801
JUDGE KEVIN M. KANE
TO: Alyssa Kloosterman
IN THE MATTER OF: Harmony Kloosterman
A hearing regarding Adjudication Trail will be conducted by the court on 03/30/2023 at 9:00 AM in 920 W. Michigan Ave., Three
Rivers, MI 49093; 45th Circuit Court - Family Division; Courtroom-IN Person before Judge Kevin M. Kane.
You have the right to an attorney and the right to a trail by Judge or Jury.
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Alyssa Kloosterman personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.
This hearing may result in Termination of Parental Rights.
March 13, 2026

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on April 16, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Thalious B. Green, a married man and Phyllis J. Green, a married woman as joint tenants with right of survivorship
Original Mortgagee: Lakeland Mortgage Corporation
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PNC Bank, National Association, successor in interest to National City Real Estate Services, LLC, successor by merger to National City Mortgage, Inc., formerly known as National City Mortgage Co.
Date of Mortgage: February 8, 2003
Date of Mortgage Recording: March 28, 2003
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $170,854.35
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Manlius, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Part Of The Northeast 1/4 Of Section 33, Town 3 North, Range 15 West, Manlius Township, Allegan County, Michigan, Being Described As: Commencing At The South 1/4 Corner Of Said Section 33: Thence North 01 Degree 44 Minutes 03 Seconds East 2228.02 Feet Along The North And South 1/4 Line Of Said Section 33; Thence South 88 Degrees 15 Minutes 57 Seconds East 658.40 Feet: Thence North 01 Degree 58 Minutes 39 Seconds East 405.44 Feet: Thence North 35 Degrees 32 Minutes 09 Seconds East 3.22 Feet; Thence South 87 Degrees 55 Minutes 59 Seconds East 661.93 Feet Along The East And West 1/4 Line Of Said Section 33; Thence North 01 Degrees 30 Minutes 31 Seconds East 465.00 Feet Along The East Line Of The East 1/2 Of The Southwest 1/4 Of The Northeast 1/4 Of Said Section 33 To The Point Of Beginning Of The Parcel Of Land Herein Described; Thence North 87 Degrees 55 Minutes 59 Seconds West 389.56 Feet; Thence North 35 Degrees 32 Minutes 09 Seconds East 74.89 Feet; Thence Northeasterly 59.31 Feet Along The Arc Of A Curve To The Left With A Radius Of 100.00 Feet Through A Central Angle Of 33 Degrees 59 Minutes 02 Seconds The Long Chord Of Which Bears North 18 Degrees 32 Minutes 38 Seconds East 58.45 Feet; Thence North 01 Degree 33 Minutes 07 Seconds East 79.72 Feet: Thence South 87 Degrees 49 Minutes 04 Seconds East 330.47 Feet; Thence South 01 Degree 30 Minutes 31 Seconds West 197.58 Feet Along Said East Line To The Point Of Beginning. Subject To Easements, Restrictions And Rights-Of-Way Of Record. Subject To And Together With An Easement For Ingress, Egress And Utilities Over Part Of The East 1/2 Of Section 33, Town 3 North, Range 15 West, Manlius Township, Allegan County, Michigan, Being Described As: Commencing At The South 1/4 Corner Of Said Section 33; Thence North 01 Degree 44 Minutes 03 Seconds East 2378.02 Feet Along The North And South 1/4 Line Of Said Section 33 To The Point Of The Parcel Of Land Herein Described; Thence Continuing Along Said Line North 01 Degree 44 Minutes 03 Seconds East 66.00 Feet; Thence South 88 Degrees 15 Minutes 57 Seconds East 418.10 Feet; Thence Northeasterly 65.72 Feet Along The Arc Of A Curve To The Left With A Radius Of 67.00 Feet Through A Central Angle Of 56 Degrees 11 Minutes 54 Seconds The Long Chord Of Which Bears North 63 Degrees 38 Minutes 06 Seconds East 63.11 Feet; Thence North 35 Degrees 32 Minutes 09 Seconds East 850.09 Feet; Thence Northeasterly 39.74 Feet Along The Arc Of A Curve To The Left With A Radius Of 67.00 Feet Through A Central Angle Of 33 Degrees 59 Minutes 02 Seconds The Long Chord Of Which Bears North 18 Degrees 32 Minutes 38 Seconds East 39.16 Feet; Thence North 01 Degree 33 Minutes 07 Seconds East 80.08 Feet; Thence Northwesterly 35.79 Feet Along The Arc Of A Curve To The Left With A Radius Of 50.00 Feet Through A Central Angle Of 41 Degrees 00 Minutes 52 Seconds The Long Chord Of Which Bears North 18 Degrees 57 Minutes 18 Seconds West 35.03 Feet; Thence Clockwise 274.40 Feet Along The Arc Of A Curve To The Right With A Radius Of 60.00 Feet Through A Central Angle Of 262 Degrees 01 Minute 43 Seconds The Long Chord Of Which Bears South 88 Degrees 28 Minutes 53 Seconds East 90.55 Feet; Thence Southwesterly 35.79 Feet Along The Arc Of A Curve To The Left With A Radius Of 50.00 Feet Through A Central Angle Of 41 Degrees 00 Minutes 52 Seconds The Long Chord Of Which Bears South 22 Degrees 03 Minutes 33 Seconds West 35.03 Feet; Thence South 01 Degree 33 Minutes 07 Seconds West 80.08 Feet; Thence Southwesterly 78.89 Feet Along The Arc Of A Curve To The Right With A Radius Of 133.00 Feet Through A Central Angle Of 33 Degrees 59 Minutes 02 Seconds The Long Chord Of Which Bears South 18 Degrees 32 Minutes 38 Seconds West 77.74 Feet; Thence South 35 Degrees 32 Minutes 09 Seconds West 850.09 Feet; Thence Southwesterly 130.45 Feet Along The Arc Of A Curve To The Right With A Radius Of 133.00 Feet Through A Central Angle Of 56 Degrees 11 Minutes 54 Seconds The Long Chord Of Which Bears South 63 Degrees 38 Minutes 06 Seconds West 125.29 Feet; Thence North 88 Degrees 15 Minutes 57 Seconds West 418.10 Feet To The Point Of Beginning.
Common street address (if any): 5465 Dalton Rdg, Fennville, MI 49408-8447
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: March 12, 2026
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1587201
(03-12)(04-02)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
48th CIRCUIT COURT— FAMILY Division
ALLEGAN COUNTY
PUBLICATION OF HEARING
CASE NO. 26-71584-NA
PETITION NO. I
Court Address: 113 Chestnut, Allegan, MI 49010
TO:ALLEGAN COUNTY NEWS
241 HUBBARD STREET
ALLEGAN, MI 49010
IN THE MATTER OF: ARNULFO GOMEZ
A hearing regarding A BENCH TRIAL TO ESTABLISH JURISDICTION OVER THE MINOR CHILD will be conducted by the court on MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026 at 1:00 PM in FAMILY COURT HEARING ROOM B before REFEREE MICHAEL DEYOUNG. You have the right to an
attorney and the right to a trial by a judge orjury.
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that ALBERTINA GOMEZ-AGUILAR personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Termination of your parental rights. 113 Chestnut St. Allegan, MI 49010, Family Division.
Dated: 3/4/26
Judge Jolene A. Clearwater (P74848)

PUBLICATION NOTICE TO CREDITORS
JOHN'S AUTO SERVICE, INC., a Michigan corporation (the "Corporation"), has dissolved effective on December 31, 2025. All persons with claims against the Corporation are requested to present them in accordance with this Notice. Claims may be filed with the Corporation at the following address: 120 W. Main Street, Fennville, Michigan 49408. Each claim against the Corporation (other than a claim asserted by a claimant who receives written notice of the dissolution by mail, which notice specifies the applicable deadline for submitting claims by known claimants) will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within one year after the publication date of this Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65000-DA and JUDGE Jolene A. Clearwater
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Frances Carey Dailey Date of Birth:*January 27, 1940
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Frances Carey Dailey, died October 30, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Carol Salvaggio, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Thav, Ryke & Langan
Eric C. Brown P81967
24725 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Ste. 110
Southfield, MI 48034
(248) 945-1111
Carol Salvaggio
3637 Essington St.
Kalamazoo, MI, 49009
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Prjct Engr – (Plainwell, MI), JBS Plainwell, Inc.:

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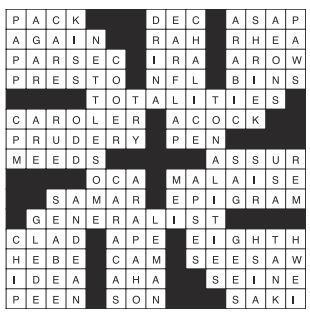

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I am perpetually grateful for the verse in the second epistle of Peter. It is chapter three, verse nine, where we read that God is not slow about keeping his promises, even if we are impatient with the delay.

Many years ago, a wonderful and very spiritual man explained his beliefs. Sometimes God responds immediately, almost as he is saying, "You got it!" Sometimes it is, "Yes, absolutely, but you're going to need to receive more than you asked for." Or, sometimes God seemingly asks, "Are you completely out of your mind? No! Absolutely not. It is not the right thing for you!" And finally, we feel as if God is saying, "Yes, but not now. Keep waiting and watching."

We quickly embrace the first two answers from God. We love it when he says, "yes," to our requests, and even more when we get more than we asked for. We have had sufficient experience in life of rejection that, even if it is bitterly disappointing news, we can eventually accept it.

The true frustration comes when God is telling us that we must wait a while longer. Like children, we want to know how soon we will have an answer or receive what we want. We revert to children in the back seat of our parent's car, demanding to know, "Are we there yet?" Very few of us are patient, and perhaps this is a part of our character we need to work on. And no, it does mean we should hastily pray to God, "Lord, make me patient! Right now!"

Waiting for God is always a challenge. We confront it through prayer, especially by giving thanks for what God has done for us in the past. This isn't to persuade God to act, or to plea-bargain with him. Rather, when we are thanking God we are also reminding ourselves of his tremendous faithfulness. We eventually come to realize that God has always been present, and he has been with us during difficult times in the past.

Albert Einstein once famously told a fellow physicist with whom he often disagreed, "I do not have to see the moon to believe it exists." I believe that applies to our relationship with God when we ask something of him and do not get an instant response. Because we prayed and asked, we already believe that God exists. Because of past experiences coupled with the promises we find throughout the entire Bible, we have faith that he will continue to watch over and take care of us.

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